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REPORT AND MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

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MISSIONS.

Constitution of the Missionary Society

OF THE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist the Parent Society in extending Missionary operations in the United States and elsewhere.

ART. 3. The payment of *one dollar annually* shall constitute any person a member of the Society, and *ten dollars at any one time* shall secure life membership.

ART. 4. The Society shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors, whose term of service shall be during the pleasure of the Society, and who shall constitute a Board for the transaction of business.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet annually at such place as may be appointed for the annual Conference, on the afternoon of the first day of its session:

To confer with the Missionaries employed the previous year within the Conference territory, securing from each of them a *written report* of the *state* and *prospects* of his mission, and of the *amounts collected* by him for Missions, with the *name of each contributor*, to be embodied in the Annual Report of the Society:

To ascertain the Missions proper to be sustained and the number of Missionaries to be employed in the Conference District, to be presented to the Bishop in writing :

To make the necessary arrangements for holding the annual meeting of the Society at some time during the session of the Conference : and

To appoint a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and endorse the report of the Secretary before it is read to the Society.

Art. 6. At all meetings of the Board of Managers three members shall be necessary to form a quorum.

Art. 7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, unless providentially absent, when the Vice President shall preside, or in his absence a chairman chosen by nomination without debate.

Art. 8. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society and Board, unless providentially hindered, when it shall be his duty to transmit the records to the place of meeting. He shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and prepare the Annual Report.

Art. 9. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all amounts collected for Missionary purposes in all the stations, circuits and missions throughout the Conference during the year, forwarding them to the General Treasury ; and shall publish a report of the same in such way as the Board shall direct.

Art. 10. The minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Art. 11. This Constitution shall not be altered but by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

At a meeting of the Society in Shreveport, December 27, 1849, it was resolved unanimously "that the whole system of Missionary operations in this Conference be made to conform to the following plan, as written out for us by Bishop Capers, to wit :

1. The Missionary Committee of the Conference shall estimate the whole amount which is necessary for the Preacher appointed to any mission drawing for support upon the funds of the General Missionary Society.

2. The sum thus estimated shall be drawn for upon the General Treasurer, in Quarterly instalments, payable in advance of each Quarter.

3. The above being the whole amount which any Missionary shall be at liberty to apply to himself; the friends of the mission paying to him their contributions, he will pay them over to the Conference Missionary Society, or to the Treasurer of the General Missionary Society, as may be convenient, without delay.

4. The missionary being thus provided for out of the Missionary Treasury, will be expected and required to use his best endeavors to obtain as much as he prudently can for the Society.

5. At each Conference a Committee of Publication shall be appointed to prepare the Minutes of the Conference for publication, and in this will be included the Missionary Reports; and especially every single cent which may have been contributed during the year by any person for the support of missions, which shall be sent to every one of our friends, especially to such as have contributed, whether the amount be $100 or one cent.

Officers of the Louisiana Conference Missionary Society.

Rev. JOEL SAUNDERS,	President.	Rev. LEWIS A. REED,	Director.
" R. RARDLE,	Vice President.	" B. F. WHITE,	"
" J. C. KEENER,	Secretary.	" PHILO M. GOODWYN,	"
" A. E. GOODWYN,	Treasurer.	" STEPHEN J. DAVIES,	"

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Zeal for the cause of Missions is a Samaritan virtue. The question, "Who is my neighbor?" and that other question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" give place in every converted heart to the earnest enquiry, "Who am *I* neighbor to?" The blessing of

love with the deed of love—"oil and wine" with "compassion" upon a "half-dead" stranger can alone compose this charity. No other virtue can substitute this test—this the measure of a church, of her love to her Lord. Christianity constitutes herself the neighbor of all men, not so much because they are of one blood, but they have been *bought* by one blood. The best points of a man or qualities of a race are all surpassed in that they are capable of becoming sons of God. Those great facts that I am an American, or that I speak the English language, are lost in the greater fact that Christ tasted death for me.

What shall be said of that charity which will give water but withhold the spirit; bread, but not the book; oil, but not the grace of God; wine, but not the blood of the covenant! The knowledge of a crucified Lord is as actual as bread, as healing as oil, as cheering as wine. We may give bread to the hungry at leisure; but to the Heathen, life at once.

How to pass by the suffering is one of the acts of the uncharitable; that is, to keep ignorant of the wants of the world. Yet who "passes by on the other side," except it be he who is second only to the murderer. Which man is it that has no thought, no heart, no time, no money, no gospel, life in no form, cheap or dear, not even a cup of water for him who lies wounded in the valley of the shadow of death. "Who is my neighbor?" Why, all the half dead of this sorrowful earth, whom you are pleased to make so by neighborly acts.

It is in view of the spiritual wants of the world that selfishness becomes so great a sin. What are those excellent things you have at the expense of the immortal hopes of men; of the grand purposes of a compassionate God! Enjoy them much, for they are costly luxuries! Who can fathom the depths of a covetousness which could have withheld the gems and dyes, the fine linen, and gold required for the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness; or denied a golden mercy-seat for approach; a golden altar for incense; an ark for the law, to Him who designed to dwell among the people. And what now is in the way of God's dwelling among the Heathen, with sprinkled mercy-seat and holy law!

Either the knowledge of salvation must go out *from* us, or there must be a new revelation, another cross, another garden, another life of reproach. In this sense the church holds the keys of Heaven; and surely the cries of them which perish for lack of knowledge will enter into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. The utmost benefit which one mortal can bestow upon another is confided to us for the benefit of the world: dispensing the word of God; opening Heaven to the eyes of the dying savage—breaking off his chains of superstition and violence, of degradation and fear, bringing him to the arts of peace and the comforts of home, and introducing him to all the refinements of a pure civilization. Let us so discharge this trust, that we may receive the favor of the Judge: "Ye have fed me." "When Lord? where Lord?" You did it to *these*, you did it to *me*."

The obstacles which presented themselves a few years ago, and furnished to those who were seeking it some show of reason for not sending the gospel to China; those of language, distance, and political barrier, now no longer exist. It is in the memory of many present when Robert Morrison, by whose labors the Chinese language was afterwards reduced to grammar and lexicon, was refused a passage to China in the East India Company's ships, because he would go thither as a missionary. Now we have the striking contrast of eleven ports open to the trade of foreigners, and the recent treaties between the four Christian powers and the Celestial Empire. For the sake of convenient reference, we insert the articles of the Russian, the American, the English, and the French treaties, which accord religious freedom to the Chinese, and the freest access for Christian Missionaries:

RUSSIAN TREATY, ARTICLE VIII.

[Translation.]

"The Chinese Government, recognizing the truth that the doctrines of Christianity promote the establishment of good order and peace among mankind, promises not to persecute its subjects who may wish to follow the requirements of this faith, but they shall enjoy the same protection which is granted to those who profess other forms of religion tolerated in the Empire. The Chinese Government, believing that Christian Missionaries are

good men, who seek no material advantages for themselves, hereby permits them to propagate the doctrines of Christianity among its subjects, and allows them to pass everywhere in the country. A fixed number of missionaries, passing through the cities or open ports, shall be furnished with passports signed by the Russian authorities."

AMERICAN TREATY, ART. XXIX.

"The principles of the Christian religion, as professed by the Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, are recognized as teaching men to do good, to do to others as they would have others do to them. Hereafter, those who quietly profess and teach these doctrines shall not be harassed or persecuted on account of their faith. Any persons, whether citizens of the United States, or Chinese converts, who according to these tenets, peaceably teach and practice the principles of Christianity, shall in no case be interfered with or molested."

ENGLISH TREATY, ART. VIII.

"The Christian religion, as professed by Protestants or Roman Catholics, inculcates the practice of virtue, and teaches man to do as he would be done by. Persons teaching it or professing it, therefore, shall alike be entitled to the protection of the Chinese authorities, nor shall any such, peaceably pursuing their calling, and not offending against the laws, be persecuted or interfered with."

FRENCH TREATY, ART. XIII.

[Translation.]

"The Christian religion, having for its essential object to lead men to virtue, the members of all Christian bodies *(communions)* shall enjoy full security for their persons, their property, and the free exercise of their religious worship; and entire protection shall be given to missionaries who peacefully enter the country, furnished with passports such as are described in Art. viii. No obstacle shall be interposed by the Chinese authorities, to the recognized right of any person in China to embrace Christianity if he pleases, and to obey its requirements, without being subject on that account to any penalty. Whatever has been heretofore written, proclaimed, or published in China, by order of Government, against the Christian faith, is wholly abrogated and nullified in all the provinces of the Empire."

A distinguished American, long resident in China, comments upon this treaty as follows:

"The last sentence in the French article is an important one,

not only in abrogating all former edicts of expulsion, confiscation, prohibition, and banishment, issued by officers in the capital or in the provinces against the *Tien-chu-kiau*, its bishops, priests and professors, and thus placing this faith in a better position and honor than it had in the days of Schaal and Verbiest; but it renders the restitution of all its former property and privileges almost obligatory on the Chinese government. Some of this property has been owned by natives for more than a century, and the change of ownership will cause no little trouble, both to the Government, to the Romanists, and to the French authorities; but where might is, right will be made to follow. No edicts have ever been issued against the *Yesu kiau* by Chinese authorities of any note, or which have had any permanent effect, but this provision will be a safeguard against their doing so to any extent. The recent work of M. Huc will show the former extent of the Romish mission in China, and from his statements a better idea can be formed of the amount of property likely to revert to them.

"The infidel philosophers of the last century represented this nation as a model of order, wisdom and virtue. Confucius was set up in opposition to Christ, and Chinese institutions, it was asserted, were superior to those of Christians. The accounts of credible travelers have exposed these errors."

The writer before quoted remarks upon this point:

"The census taken in 1850 throughout the Empire gives fully four hundred million as the population under the sway of the Emperor; but this enormous multitude of human beings is badly governed even for a healthier Government; ignorant, idolatrous and corrupt to a degree awful to contemplate. The churches of England and America have been praying for twenty years that China be opened to their missions, but they have allowed the number of Missionaries to decrease during the last four years."

And, as if nothing was to be wanting to complete the face of the appeal that comes up from those populous holds of Paganism, we have still more recently the announcement of the opening of the Island of Japan, the abrogation of the edict 1614 against the religion of Christ. An island possessed of arts and agriculture architecture and wealth in a degree of perfection more wonderful than the creations of an eastern tale; a people who gladly receive the civilization of the East, and are vastly superior to the Chinese in both their political and social status.

The great theme, it is said, at Rome, in the College of the

Propaganda, is these doors which have been suddenly thrown open to the Christian Church. The Catholic world is to be called upon to make their offering towards a great Missionary crusade against China and Japan. Shall not the Protestant Church of God arouse herself and prove which is the more potent for good to the Pagan world?—the doctrines of the Reformation or those of the Church of Rome? Why should not every Methodist preacher, itinerant and local, in the Church South, answer to this great call of Japan and China? It is the cry of more than one-third of the human race, for the knowledge of the cross of Jesus Christ. Let us pledge ourselves; every man to raise one hundred dollars.

The last mail from China brings news of the first installment of Chinese youths which this Conference called for by Resolution some four years ago. Two youths are on their way to the City of New Orleans, for the Felicity Street Sabbath School Missionary Socicty, which has pledged itself to pay the expense of their education. Should the Juvenile Missionary Societies throughout the Church, South, take it in hand to support and educate Chinese boys and girls at our own institutions of learning, in ten years our Church will accomplish a great work for the cause of Foreign Missions. It would train our own children to a just conception of this great enterprize. It will supply us for our Mission posts with native teachers and preachers who have a just conception of practical Christianity.

At the last Indian Mission Conferance, Bishop Early ordained twelve native Methodist preachers. There never has been as many of our Indian brethren ordained at one time. They stood around the altar with three interpreters, representing the different tribes of the candidates for ordination. The names of the brethren were as follows:

Cherokees—Elisha G. Smith, Standing Man, Allen Ratley, John Fallingdown, John Hughes, Elijah Butler, and Joshua South.

Choctaws—Willis G. Folsom, John B. Forrester.

Creeks—James McHenry, Augustus Cæsar, Henry Burgess.

The German Missions in this city rejoice in the completion

of their brick Church—a structure which does credit to the liberality of the friends of German Methodism as well as to those German brethren who have so tastefully and economically discharged the office of a Building Committee. The Conference will be invited to attend the dedication of this Church on to-morrow. About $3,000 are required to pay the balance due upon the building. We congratulate the Conference upon the acquisition of our two German Missionaries, by transfer, from the Louisville Conference. Brothers Traeger and Arnold, from these Missions, report as follows: 4 Missions; 3 Missionaries; 4 Local Preachers; 165 members; 40 probationers; 278 children, in Sunday School. $493 75 contributed for Missions, and for Church building, $3,622 85.

Whether the Gospel shall be offered to the colored population of the South has become a question of *family religion.* Will the planters of the South afford their own households the knowledge of Christ? Shall there be any longer a man found who will deny the Gospel to those whom God has placed in his hands? Shall the Church still be called upon to pay for preaching the Gospel to the servants of rich planters?

"But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." (1 Tim., 5, 8) *St. Paul.*

A good many gentlemen within the bounds of our own Conference have employed preachers to teach their servants the Gospel of God. Let us labor for that day when it shall be said that the masters of Louisiana deny their servants no boon that is compatible with their bodily and spiritual good. Those ministers who have enlisted in this most noble and difficult work report as follows:

The Lafourche and Bayou Black Mission was served by the Rev. N. A. Cravens, and consists of 6 appointments; 250 members; 64 probationers; a population preached to of 1,000, and $175 contributed to its support.

New Carthage Mission was served by Rev. E. W. Griswold: consists of 3 white appointments; 150 members; 10 plantations, with a population of 440; 31 members, and 90 children taught. Amount contributed, $167 55.

Tensas Mission was served by Rev. J. C. Pitts and consists of 9 appiontments; a population preached to of 900; 375 members; 30 probationers, and 380 children taught.

Madison Mission was served by Rev. J. A. Miller: consists of a population of 560; 7 appointments; 230 members. Amount contributed to its support, $250.

Monroe and Trenton Missions was served by Rev. T. B. White: consists of 186 members; 30 probationers; 1,000 preached to; 30 children under instruction, and $70 contributed for its support.

Sicily Island Colored Mission was served by Rev. Thomas Green: consists of 9 appointments; 109 on probation, and $355 contributed.

Evergreen Mission was served by Rev. F. White: 800 preached to; 75 members; 20 probationers, and $300 contributed.

Carrol Colored Mission was served by Rev. H. W. Segrist: 1,078 preached to; 11 members; 38 probationers, and $224 80 contributed.

St. Landry Colored Mission was served by Rev. C. A. Frazee: 500 preached to; 130 members; 30 children instructed.

North Rapides Mission was served by Rev. T. Whatley: number preached to, 2,000; children 130. Amount contributed, $300.

Grand Lake Mission was served by Rev. J. Knight: consists of 53 white members; 15 probationers; 88 colored members; 3 probationers.

St. Joseph Mission was served by Rev.'s R. Trippitt and R. A. New: number preached to, 700; 250 members; 43 on probation; 220 children. Amount collected, $600.

Bayou Teche Colored Mission was served by Rev. J. T. Fountain: consists of 8 appointments; 500 preached to; 150 members; 100 children taught, and $500 were contributed to its support.

Salem Mission was served by Rev. Wm. A. Smyth: population 1,200 white persons. Amount contributed, $127. One Church erected.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION

FOR

"JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES."

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the *Juvenile Missionary Society of the Sabbath School.*

ART. 2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be the raising of funds for the purpose of educating Chinese youth in this country, and such other objects as the Society shall direct.

ART. 4. The Officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Managers.

ART. 5. All officers shall be elected for a term of , and no person who is not a member of the Sabbath School, and also of this Society, shall be eligible to any office.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society; and in the absence of the President this duty shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Society; to keep an alphabetical list of all the members; to call the roll at each meeting, and note those absent, and the amounts severally paid in by those present; to enter upon the Minute Book the Treasurer's Report and such other reports as may be directed by the Society.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall receive and keep all the funds of the Society, and report the amount on hand and receipts at each regular meeting; and the names of all in arrears.

ART. 9. The Board of Managers shall consist of the Super-

intendent of the Sabbath School, one male and one female teacher, five boys and five girls. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. It shall be the duty of the Board to attend to all matters of business during the interval of the regular meetings, for which purpose the Superintendent may call them together.

Art. 10. No money shall be paid out of the treasury, except by order of the Society or the Board of Managers.

Art. 11. Any person desiring to become a member of this Society may do so by paying *ten cents* as initiation fee, and five cents monthly thereafter.

Art. 12. This Society shall hold its regular meetings on the first Sabbath of every month; fifteen shall constitute a quorum. The order of proceedings shall be as follows:

1. Reading Minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Receiving new members.
3. Calling Roll and receiving Monthly Dues.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. Report of Treasurer.
6. Report of Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.
8. Adjournment.

Art. 13. At the last regular meeting of the financial year, the Society shall determine the special disposition of the funds in hand.

Art. 14. This Society shall hold its Anniversary at such time and place as the Board of Managers shall direct.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole on Missions, in Lay Session, begs leave to report the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That we, the members of the Louisiana Conference, believe it important to a high development of our church in the cause of Missions, that the amounts contributed for the support of Foreign Missions be under the control of a Board for Foreign Missions; and that such amounts as may be contributed for the support of Domestic Missions, be under the control of a Domestic Missionary Board.

2. That we recommend the establishment of a Seamen's Mission in New Orleans.

3. We heartily recommend to our people in New Orleans to organize a Methodist Seamen's Friend Society, which shall manage the finances and temporal interests of the seamen's cause.

4. That we recommend to our people the propriety of appropriating a part of the Missionary collection of the ensuing year, to the establishment of a Central American Mission, in such locality as the Conference Missionary Board may select.

5. That we recommend the establishment of a Mission on the Mississippi coast, including East and West Baton Rouge and Point Coupee.

6. That all self-supporting Missions be hereafter called "Circuits."

7. That we recommend the appointment of a suitable man to visit the planters of our State, and lay before them the importance of the religious instruction of their slaves, and form circuits wherever practicable.

J. SANDERS, *Chairman*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. E. GOODWYN, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH LOUISIANA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1858. **NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.** DR.

Carondelet street church—no report			
" " Sabbath School Missionery Society		$100 65	
Felicity street	$190 10		
" " S. S. M. S., to educate a Chinese youth	200 00		
		390 10	
Moreau street	91 50		
" " S. S. M. S.	48 05		
		139 55	
First German Mission		311 00	
Second do do		125 90	
Third and Fourth German Mission		65 60	
Baton Rouge		40 00	
Plaquemine and Gross Tete		70 00	
Lafourche and Bayou Black Circuit and Miss.		175 00	
Atchafalaya		14 05	
Jefferson City	$12 50		
" " S. S. M. S.	10 50		
		23 00	
			$1,453 95

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Franklin and Pattersonville	32 00
New Iberia	157 50
Vermillion	51 50
Evergreen	300 00
Alexandria	301 50
Harrisonburg	20 00
Columbia	8 60
	871 10

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport to wit:

To make Miss Mary Trescott L. M.:

J. C. Beall	$ 5 00
Geo. Crowder	5 00
Amount carried forward	$10 00

2,325 05

Amount brought forward.....	$10 00				$2,325 05
To W. Rose	5 00				
Mrs. Nannie Battle.....	5 00				
	——	$20 00			
To make Miss Carrie Lewis L. M.:					
Wm. S. Lewis.....		25 00			
To make Rev. Jno. Pipes L. M.:					
Mrs. Gill	$ 5 00				
" Winans.....	5 00				
" Griswold.....	5 00				
" Logan.....	5 00				
	——	20 00			
To make Rev. J. L. Chapman L. M.:					
Mrs. Gill.....	5 00				
" Griswold.....	5 00				
" Rose.....	10 00				
	——	20 00			
To make Mrs. Cornelia V. Ford L. M.:					
Mr. Ford	5 00				
" Lindsey.....	5 00				
" Mr. Saml. Wells.....	10 00				
	——	20 00			
To make Mrs. Nannie M. Battle L. M.:					
J. C. Beall.....	5 00				
Mr. Wells	5 00				
H. J. G. Battle	10 00				
	——	20 00			
To make Mrs. Mary P. Jones L. M.:					
Thos. W. Jones.....		20 00			
Cash from sundry persons.....		26 00			
			——	$171 00	
Caddo Circuit.....				325 00	
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill.....				238 20	
Grand Cane, to wit:					
To make Harris Brantly L. M.:					
Wm. Philips	$ 5 00				
J. F. Scurlock.....	5 00				
J. H. Sample.....	5 00				
Elizabeth Pegues	5 00				
	——	20 00			
To make Elizabeth Pegues L. M.:					
Harris Brantly	10 00				
Rebecca Brantly.....	5 00				
Mrs. Haden.....	5 00				
	——	20 00			
To make J. F. Scurlock L. M.:					
Jno. Glover.....	5 00				
J. N. Sample.....	5 00				
Mrs. A. Sanders	5 00				
" Phebe Hall	5 00				
	——	20 00			
To make Rev. A. W. Jackson L. M.:					
B. F. Alexander.....	5 00				
J. F. Scurlock.....	5 00				
Sundry Persons	10 00				
	——	20 00			
Amount carried forward.....		$80 00	$734 20		$2,325 05

Amount brought forward.....		$80 00	$734 20 $2,325 05
To make Aaron Furgeson L. M.:			
Sundry Persons contributed.....		20 00	
Cash		10 00	
			110 00
Natchitoches Circuit, to wit:			
To make Rev. R. Parvin L. M.:			
Wm. P. Owings	$10 00		
C. Chaplin.....	10 00		
		20 00	
To make Rev. D. S. Watkins L. M.:			
A. Jordan.....	10 00		
Rev. L. Connerly	10 00		
		20 00	
To make Mrs. Nancy Hawkins L. M.:			
Rev. D. S. Watkins.....	5 00		
M. Hawkins.....	5 00		
Dr. E. Phigpen	5 00		
Rev. R. Parvin	5 00		
		20 00	
To make Mrs. E. Powell L. M.:			
Dr. Armstrong.....	5 00		
J. Hughes.....	5 00		
L. Barbee	5 00		
Peter Airheart.....	5 00		
		20 00	
To make Mrs. Amelia Owings L. M.:			
Rev. J. A. Ivy	5 00		
J. F. Smith.....	5 00		
Anna G. Owings.....	5 00		
Jacob Kyle.....	5 00		
		20 00	
To make Mrs. Charlotte Turner L. M.:			
D. H. Farris.....	5 00		
P. Bludworth	5 00		
E. Smith.....	5 00		
C. C. Preston	5 00		
		20 00	
To make Mrs. N. E. McNealy L. M.:			
Wm. Jordan.....	5 00		
Jas. Beasley.....	5 00		
S. W. Kyle.....	5 00		
Rev. R. Parvin	5 00		
		20 00	
To make Rev. S. B. Suratt L. M.:			
Dred Smith.....	5 00		
W. H. Wagley.....	5 00		
J. J. Watkins	5 00		
F. & J. Franklin	5 00		
		20 00	
To make Rev. J. A. Ivy L. M.:			
J. E. Hawkins.....	5 00		
Mr. Lynch.....	5 00		
Rev. L. Connerly	5 00		
Wm. P. Owings	5 00		
		20 00	180 00
Amount carried forward.....		$1,024 20	$2,325 05

Amount brought forward.....			$1,024 20	$2,325 05
Sparta Circuit.....			88 50	
Red River Circuit, to wit:				
To make J. C. Reed L. M.:				
E. H. Turner.....	$5 00			
W. Williams.....	5 00			
W. Ray.....	5 00			
Dr. T. Kimes.....	5 00			
		$20 00		
To make John Pipes L. M.:				
J. D. Law.....	5 00			
J. Sprowl.....	5 00			
Martin Davis.....	5 00			
R. F. Hense.....	5 00			
		20 00		
To make Rev. D. M. K. Collins L. M.:				
J. Sprowl.....	5 00			
J. D. Law.....	5 00			
E. S. Turner.....	5 00			
Jno. Brown.....	5 00			
		20 00		
To make Nancy Sprowl L. M.:				
T. C. Warmsley.....	5 00			
Wm. Williams.....	5 00			
Wm. Stewart.....	5 00			
B. H. Baird.....	5 00			
		20 00		
Cash.....		315 25		
			395 25	
Lake Bisteneau Circuit, to wit:				
To make Miss Sarah V. Hammit L. M.:				
R. E. Hammit.....		20 00		
To make Mrs. A. E. Kennon L. M.:				
Cash.....		20 00		
Cash.....		20 60		
			60 60	
North Bossier Circuit.....			100 00	
				1,668 55

OUACHITA DISTRICT.

Minden Circuit.....		271 55	
Homer "		111 10	
Farmerville.....		104 00	
Monroe and Trenton, and Colored Mission.....		103 50	
Bastrop. [Mrs. E. A. S. $5 for China, and $5 for Home Mission].....		224 00	
Vernon.....		54 00	
Dugdemona.....		20 00	
Winfield Mission.....		34 75	
			922 90

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Lake Providence Circuit.....		224 80	
Richmond and Madison, and Colored Mission.....		11 50	
Amount carried forward.....		$236 30	$4,916 50

Amount brought forward		$236 30	$4,916 50
St. Joseph Circuit, to wit:			
To make Mrs. Margaret G. Snodgrass L. M.:			
G. R. Snodgrass	$ 20 00		
To make Fanny Harrison L. M.:			
Issac T. Harrison	20 00		
To make Mrs. H. F. Shaifer L. M.:			
Mr. H. F. Shaifer	20 00		
To make Miss S. F. Smith L. M.:			
F. G. Smith	20 00		
To make Mrs. J. C. Cline L. M.:			
Mr. J. C. Cline	20 00		
To make Rev. R. A. New L. M.:			
Dr. P. Chew	20 00		
To make Mrs. Catharine K. Robb L. M.:			
J. B. Robb	20 00		
To make Rev. L. A. Reed L. M.:			
Dr. P. Chew	20 00		
To make Rev. R. Trippett L. M.:			
Mr. J. C. Cline	20 00		
To make Miss Mary E. Miller L. M.:			
P. H. Miller	20 00		
Miss Annie E. Miller, Miss Ann Eliza Miller, Masters Eddie and Wm. H. Miller, Master Dugald Watson, Miss Watson, and Master Henry J. Guice, each contributed $1	7 00		
Miss Fanny L. Trippett	2 50		
" Sallie A. F. Trippett	1 00		
Four Children of Dr. McCall	4 00		
Amount contributed by Sundry Persons	732 50		
		947 00	
Waterproof Circuit		850 00	
Winsborough "		22 60	
Trinity "		90 00	
			2,145 90

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

R. L. Hodges, for German Church	5 00	
Annual Contribution of Mrs. L. A. Goodwyn	5 00	
Mrs. M. A. Randall	5 00	
Masters R. and T. Randall, $1 each	2 00	
Miss L. H. Randall	1 00	
Master Henry C. Wright, Master L. C. Wright, jr., " Warrenette Wright, Miss Clara Wright, 50c. ea.	2 00	
Masters H. G. and W. D. Goodwyn, $1 each	2 00	
" N. A., Willie P., and Bascomb Cravens, $1 ea.	3 00	
Annual Contribution of Members	28 00	
From a Lady, by the hands of Mr. Richardson	5 00	
Mrs. S. Brack, by L. Parker, for German Church	100 00	
		158 00
Cash on hand Feb. 9th, 1858, for German Church		37 50

ANNIVERSARY AT NEW ORLEANS.

Wm. H. Dameron	$100 00	
Doct. B. H. Moss, L. Parker, Jno. C. Keener, and R. Armstead, each $50	200 00	
Amount carried forward	$300 00	$7,257 90

Amount brought forward		$300 00	$7,257 90
Mrs. L. Parker and A. J. Tully, $20 each		40 00	
Wm. S. Mount, Doct. Austin, W. W. Wall, and Doct. Harrison, $10 each		40 00	
Mrs. White		5 00	
To make James Lieu, and his wife Mary, L. M.'s:			
T. C. Thornton	$ 5 00		
Cash	15 00		
J. B. Adams	5 00		
Mrs. Lusk	5 00		
Cyrus Thompson	5 00		
Mrs. Austin	5 00		
	$ 40 00		
To make Rev. L. Parker L. M.:			
Doct. Austin	5 00		
D. Tillotson	5 00		
Cash	10 00		
	20 00		
		60 00	
Cash		34 20	
			479 20

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	$1,453 95
Opelousas "	871 10
Shreveport "	1,668 55
Ouachita "	922 90
Lake Providence "	2,145 90
From various other sources	158 00
Balance Cash on hand February 9th, 1858	37 50
Anniversary at New Orleans	479 20
Grand Total	$7,737 10

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By amount paid Missionary by	New Iberia	Mission,	$	157 50	
"	"	Carroll	"	224 80	
"	"	Tensas	"	700 00	
"	"	St. Joseph	"	600 00	
"	"	Evergreen	"	300 00	
"	"	Bayou Black	"	175 00	
"	"	Bastrop	"	30 00	
"	"	City	"	139 55	
First German Church				501 60	
R. R. R. Alexander, on draft due Feb'y 9th, 1859				73 25	
One bale of Cotton, to be shipped				50 00	
H. N. McTyeire, through hands of J. A. Ivy				200 00	
Pledges at New Orleans Anniversary, (not yet paid)				310 00	
Amount paid Jno. C. Keener, Assistant Treasurer, in cash and drafts				4,275 40	
Total					$7,737 10

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1858.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT AND COLORED CHARGES.

Carondelet Street...	$500 00	3d and 4th G. Mission	$ 50 00
Felicity " ...	400 00	Algiers and Gretna..	50 00
Moreau " ...	100 00	Jefferson City.....	100 00
1st German Mission.	150 00	Carrollton	50 00
2d " " .	100 00	Baton Rouge.....	100 00

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas.....	100 00	Franklin Station....	100 00
" Mission...	100 00	Teche Mission.....	100 00
St. Landry Mission ..	100 00	Pattersonville	100 00
Washington	100 00	Grand Lake French M.	100 00
Evergreen	100 00	Thibodaux Station...	100 00
" Mission...	100 00	Lafourche & B. Black	
Bayou Bœuf " ...	100 00	and Missions.....	300 00
Calcasieu.....	100 00	Plaquemine & Bayou	
Grand Chane Mission	100 00	Grosse Tète.....	100 00
New Iberia.....	100 00	Atchafalaya	100 00

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Providence.....	100 00	Jordan	100 00
Pecan Grove & Swan		Waterproof.....	300 00
Lake.....	200 00	Tensas and Wesley	150 00
Richmond	200 00	Chapel	150 00
St. Joseph & Wesley		Trinity	300 00
Chapel.....	300 00	Winsboro.....	200 00

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport Station..	100 00	North Bossier	100 00
Caddo.....	200 00	Natchitoches	100 00
Grand Cane.....	75 00	Anna Cico.....	100 00
Mansfield & Pleasant		Red River	200 00
Hill.....	200 00	Lake Bistineau	50 00
Pleasant Hill Mission	200 00	Mansfield Female Col.	50 00

HOMER DISTRICT.

Minden	200 00	Dugdemonia	50 00
Homer	250 00	Winfield Mission	50 00
Farmerville	200 00	Saline	50 00
Ouachita	150 00	Sparta	50 00
Vernon	100 00		

MONROE DISTRICT.

Monroe	200 00	Deerfield	100 00
Bastrop	250 00	Columbia	100 00
" Col'd Mission	250 00	Harrisonburg	100 00
Bonidea	200 00	Alexandria	150 00
Ion	100 00	North Rapides	———
Carroll	100 00	" Rapides Mission	———

MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—What Preachers are admitted on Trial?

ANSWER.—Wm. McBeath, Henry B. Frazee, C. C. McCrary, Oliver T. Westmorland.

Q. 2.—Who remain on Trial?

A.—John F. Wynn, Robert T. Parish.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into Full Connection?

A.—Epaminondas D. Pitts, Thos. J. Upton, W. D. Stayton, John N. Boult, John C. Pitts, Jeptha Landrum, Robt. A. New, Whitmel P. Kimball. M. D. T. Fly.

Q. 4.—Who are re-admitted?

A.—Moses Davis.

Q. 5.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A.—Clayton C. Gillispie, from East Texas; Frederick W. Traeger, August Arnold, from the Louisville Conference.

Q. 6.—Who are the Deacons of One Year?

A.—Jessie Fulton, J. T. Fontaine, T. H. McClendon, John F. Scurlock, Fisher T. Rawson, Dabny P. Cullen, Robt. Parvin, Charles W. Hodge.

Q. 7.—What Traveling Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—Thos. J. Upton, W. D. Stayton, John H. Boult, Jeptha Landrum, Whitmel P. Kimball, M. D. T. Fly.

Q. 8.—What Local Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—Charles G Young, elected and ordained; John M. Randolph, elected, but not ordained; Edwin W. Yancy and John B. Street, previously elected, were ordained at this Conference.

Q. 9.—What Traveling Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—John C. Pitts, Robert A. New.

Q. 10.—What Local Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—Jesse H. Chaney, George F. Crosby.

Q. 11.—Who have located this year?

A.—Thos. L. Beard, M. D. T. Fly.

Q. 12.—Who are Supernumerary?

A.—Joel Saunders, Wm. A. Smyth, S. J. Graves, B. C. Stegall, P. H. Dieffenwerth.

Q. 13.—Who are Superannuated?

A.—T. Samford, David Kinnear, D. M. K. Collins.

Q. 14.—What Preachers have died during the year?

A.—Jones Holland Waters.

Memoir.—Rev. J. H. Waters was born A. D. 1823. Having the advantages of an early and thorough religious education, he remembered his Creator in the days of his youth, and unto him was fulfilled the promise, "They that seek Me early shall find." Through the counsel and prayers of his pious mother and other servants of God, (particularly the Methodist preachers who traveled in that portion of Tennessee, then known as the Western District, where his mother resided,) he was enabled to make steady and respectable progress in Christian experience. Subsequently, feeling that he was moved by the Holy Ghost, he entered upon the work of the Ministry. He was identified with the Memphis Annual Conference during four or five years, and was constantly engaged in the regular pastoral work. Brother Waters was transferred to the Louisiana Annual Conference in the autumn of 1855, by Bishop Kavanaugh. At the ensuing Conference he was appointed preacher in charge of New Iberia Circuit. He was returned to the same work the following year. His reappointment was hailed with joy by the people of New Iberia Circuit, among whom he had already formed strong personal attachments. On the 23d day of February, 1857, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Chevis. Twelve brief months passed swiftly by. Brother Waters had applied himself with no less ardor than formerly to his Master's work. He had enjoyed the pleasure of meeting his brethern again in annual conference.

He had also, accompanied by his wife, again visited his mother, for whom his love knew no abatement or bound. Brother Waters had recently been appointed to Richmond and Madison Circuit and Colored Mission. A very arduous work yet "white already unto the harvest." In the midst of active preparations to go to this field of labor, he was taken suddenly ill, and died in less than two days, at the residence of his brother-in-law, in Vermillion Parish, Louisiana, on the 22d day of February, 1858. He left a disconsolate widow, to whom he had been married just one short year to the hour when he was laid in the cold and silent tomb. Brother Waters was a man of deep and fervent piety. His religious experience was uniform, and he was "Always abounding in the work of the Lord." He was a faithful pastor, a tender companion, a dutiful son, and an affectionate brother.

S. J. HAWKINS, Committee.

1st. *Resolved*, That we hereby tender to the widow, mother, kindred and friends of our deceased brother, our heartfelt sympathies.

2d. *Resolved*, That whilst we will endeavor to resign ourselves to this and all other dispensations of Divine Providence, we will perseveringly implore grace that we may be also ready. S. J. HAWKINS, Committee.

Q. 15.—Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

A.—They were examined one by one, and their characters were passed by the Conference.

Q. 16. What is the number of Preachers and Members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	White		Colored		Local Pr'chers	
	MEM.	PROB.	MEM.	PROB.	WHITE.	COL'D.
Carondolet Street and Wesley Chapel	250	30	300	30	2	2
Felicity Street and Winans' Chapel	239	47	236	70	3	
Moreau Street and Soule Chapel	119	25	130	28	2	2
New Orleans Circuit	70	3			1	
First German Mission	60	18			2	
Secood " "	80	18			1	
Third " "	6					
Fourth " "	19	4			1	
Plaquemine and Gross Tete	47	32	145	21		
Thibodaux	27		99	21		
Baton Rouge	150	26	128	16	3	1
Atchafalaya	18	11	20	20		
Lafourche and Bayou Black Ct. and Mission	32	10	228	64	1	
Jefferson City and Laurel Street.	8	7				
	1125	231	1286	270	16	5

	White		Colored		Local Pr'chers	
	MEM.	PROB.	MEM.	PROB.	WHITE.	COL'D.
Numbers brought forward	1125	231	1286	270	16	5
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.						
Franklin and Pattersonville	129	26	63		2	
Bayou Teche Colored Mission			152			
New Iberia	70		75			
Vermillion	205	39	66		1	
Opelousas	207			81	1	
Washington	52	12				
Evergreen	64	22			2	
Harrisonburg	269	35	20	5	4	
Calcasieu	75	67	33	12	1	
Alexandria	49	96	124	20	1	
North Rapides	146	27	37	8	4	
Columbia	98	32	20			
	1364	356	590	126	16	
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.						
Grand Cane	56	56	10	113		
Sparta	237	11	150		2	
Natchitoches	150	100	50		7	
Shreveport	37	18	54	6		
Red River	103	16	42		2	
North Bossier	127	59	60	3	2	
Lake Bisteneau	89	29	29		2	
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill	208	75	170	30	3	
Caddo	234	24	125	25	6	
	1241	388	690	177	24	
OUACHITA DISTRICT.						
Bastrop	135	22	50	100	1	
Farmerville	384	79	142		8	
Munroe and Trenton	34	15	86	30	1	
Vernon	192	45			4	
Dugdamonia	175	53	14		8	
Homer	377	54	62	38	6	1
Ouachita	420	105	45		6	
Minden	219	92	108		3	
	1936	465	507	168	37	1
LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.						
Carroll	153	108	37	21	3	
Richmond	37	1	160			
Tensas Mission			375	30		
Ion	107	32		24	3	
Winsboro	186	105	44		5	
Trinity	107	40	50	43		
New Carthage			31			
St. Joseph	72	4	250	43	1	
Water Proof	119	3	60	30	1	
Carroll Missions			11	38		
Providence	183	3				
	964	296	1018	229	13	
Grand Total	6630	1736	4091	970	106	6
Increase this Year	70					
Decrease		191	705	270		2

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Q. 17.—What amounts are necessary to meet the claims of the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers and Bishops, and to make up deficiencies of those Preachers who have not obtained Disciplinary allowance?

A.—For Bishops	$ 250 00	
" Superannuates	640 00	
" Widows and Orphans	1130 00	
		$2020 00

Q. 18. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Answer:

New Orleans District	$ 48 00	
Carondelet and Wesley Chapel	57 00	
Felicity Street and Winans' Chapel	78 00	
Moreau Street and Soule Chapel	24 00	
Second German Mission	15 00	
City Mission	24 75	
Algiers, and Editor of New Orleans Advocate	50 50	
Baton Rouge	21 00	
Plaquemine and Gross Tete	30 00	
Thibodaux	3 40	
Lafourche and Bayou Black Ct. and Mission	45 00	
Atchafalaya	9 39	
		$ 406 04
Opelousas District	24 00	
Franklin and Pattersonville	15 00	
Bayou Teche Mission	15 00	
New Iberia	15 10	
Vermillion	11 00	
Opelousas	22 10	
Evergreen	25 23	
Alexandria	21 00	
Amount carried forward	$148 43	$406 04

Amount brought forward	$148 43	$406 04
North Rapides	9 50	
North Rapides Mission	15 00	
Harrisonburg	4 50	
Columbia	7 50	
Calcasieu	9 50	
		194 43
Shreveport District	25 00	
Shreveport	4 30	
Caddo	27 15	
Mansfield	36 00	
Grand Cane	9 00	
Natchitoches	9 49	
Sparta	14 00	
Red River	20 50	
Lake Bisteneau	4 85	
North Bossier	20 50	
Mansfield College—E. D. Pitts	18 00	
Mansfield College Agent	30 00	
Pierce & Paine, College Agent	30 00	
		248 79
Ouachita District	13 35	
Minden	27 00	
Homer	24 45	
Farmerville	14 10	
Munroe and Trenton	24 00	
Ouachita	12 45	
O. P. Westmorland	2 25	
Bastrop	12 50	
Vernon	10 47	
Winfield	13 50	
Saline Mission	3 60	
Joel Saunders, Tract Agent	21 00	
		178 67
Lake Providence District	36 00	
Lake Providence	24 35	
Amount carried forward	$60 35	1027 93

Amount brought forward	$60 35	1027 93
Carroll Mission	6 60	
Richmond and Madison	15 77	
Ion	9 48	
St. Joseph	70 00	
New Carthage	4 00	
Waterproof	36 00	
Tensas Colored Mission	24 00	
Winnsborough	20 63	
Trinity	18 00	
		264 83

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR BISHOPS.

L. Parker	15 00	
S. J. Davies	5 90	
R. J. Harp	8 00	
		28 90
Surplus of last year and interest on the same		822 88
Total		$2144 54

The foregoing amount has been applied:

SUPERANNUATES.

Thos. Sansford	$340 00
David Kinnear	300 00

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Widow of Brother Page	150 00	
" " Stevenson	150 00	
" " Waters	150 00	
Widow and orphans of Brother Foster	175 00	
" " " Turnly	305 00	
Orphans of Brother Guice	80 00	
" " Benton	40 00	
" " Tinder	40 00	
" " Breamer	40 00	
To Bishops	250 00	
*Deducted by Committee	9 71	
		2029 71
Surplus in hands of Chairman		$ 114 83

* NOTE. We find this amount deducted, but no statement to what object appropriated.
COMMITTEE ON MINUTES.

ORPHANS', WIDOWS', AND BISHOPS' PER CENT.

Resolved, That at this session the Conference will estimate for the year following what amount will be needed to provide for the support of Superannuates, Widows, Orphans, and Bishops, and what per centage that amount is of the sum of the entire salaries of the members of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference will, at its next session, collect of each preacher such a per cent. upon his entire *receipts* for the year.

Resolved, That the Stewards of circuits and stations are hereby requested to add such a per cent. to the salary of each preacher, and provide for it accordingly.

Resolved, That those works which may be supplied be requested to collect in the same manner the same per centage upon the whole amount of their actual receipts, and send up to the next session of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference declare THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS', AND BISHOPS' PER CENT. for 1859, TO BE FOUR PER CENT.

Resolved, That the Preachers who have failed to pay their Widows' and Orphans' per cent. be requested to send or bring up the amount to the next Conference.

Resolved, That those members of this Conference who may, at any time, be appointed to institutions of learning, or special agencies, be required to pay *the Widows' and Orphans' per cent.* upon their actual *receipts.*

Resolved, That the Preachers, in making their reports of claims and receipts, be required, in case of deficiency, to make a pro rata division of the amount received between quarterage and table expenses, but at the same time, that the Stewards of the Conference be instructed not to make any appropriation to make up the deficiency of any effective preacher, until the claims of the worn-out Preachers, and Widows and Orphans have been met.

Resolved, That whenever, in the judgment of the Preacher of a Circuit or Station, it is advisable to do so, he shall take a collection for the purpose of obtaining the full amount of the per cent. for which he is responsible.

Total Allowance and Total Receipts.

		Allowance.	Receipts.
New Orleans District	J. B. Walker	$1954 00	$1607 90
Carondelet St. & Wesley Ch'l	Linus Parker	1900 00	1900 00
Felicity St. and Winans Ch'l	J. C. Keener	2000 00	2000 00
Moreau St. and Soule Chapel		800 00	700 00
Second German Mission	John Pauly	500 00	500 00
City Mission	C. J. Hallberg	550 00	550 00
Algiers, and Ed. of Advocate	H. N. McTyeire	———	———
Baton Rouge	Henry Avery	1030 00	———
Plaquemine and Gross Tete	S. Haws	525 00	500 00
" "	Jesse Fulton	500 00	500 00
Thibodaux	M. D. T. Fly	400 00	113 00
Lafourche and Bayou Black	N. A. Cravens	1500 00	1500 00
Atchafalaya	Jeptha Landrum	———	313 25
Centinary College	A. G. Miller	———	———
Opelousas District	A. B. Fly	———	———
Franklin and Pattersonville	J. W. Johnson	1000 00	500 00
Bayou Teche Mission	J. T Fontaine	500 00	500 00
New Iberia	S. J. Davies	503 90	503 90
Vermillion	W. P. Kimball	483 00	370 00
Opelousas	B. F. White	850 00	737 00
Evergreen	D. S. Watkins	900 00	841 00
Alexandria	J. A. Ivy	700 00	700 00
North Rapides	W. D. Stayton	600 00	315 00
Harrisonburg	C. C. McCrary	200 00	———
Calcasieu	Rob. T. Parish	341 00	341 00
Shreveport District	John Pipes	1030 00	836 00
Shreveport	Jas. L. Chapman	150 00	150 00
Caddo	S. J. Hawkins	967 35	967 35
Mansfield	S. B. Suratt	1200 00	1200 00
Grand Cane	J. F. Scurlock	300 00	300 00
Natchitoches	Robt. Parvin	421 00	361 00
Sparta	R. M. Crowson	700 00	480 00
Lake Bisteneau	D. M. K. Collins	250 00	162 00
North Bossier	S. S. Scott	1040 00	684 00
Mansfield College	P. M. Goodwyn, Agt.	1000 00	1000 00
Pierce & Paine College	B. F. Alexander, Agt.	1000 00	1000 00
Ouachita District	R. R. R. Alexander	500 00	445 25
Minden	A. E. Goodwyn	900 00	900 00
Homer	Jas. L. Wright	895 60	788 98
Farmerville	D. P. Cullen	500 00	470 00
Munroe and Trenton	T. B. White	800 00	800 00
Ouachita	Uriah Riley	785 00	415 05
"	O. P. Westmoreland.	100 00	75 00
Bastrop	T. J. Lacey	700 00	500 00
Vernon	Chas. W. Hodge	500 00	349 25
Tract Agent	Joel Saunders	1200 00	700 00
Lake Providence District	L. A. Reed	1500 00	1200 00
Providence	Wm. G. McGaughey	1285 00	811 00
Richmond and Madison	John A. Miller	650 00	525 80
Ion	J. H. Boult	500 00	316 25
St. Joseph	R. Trippett	1200 00	1200 00
" "	R. A. New	500 00	500 00
New Carthage	E. W. Griswold	———	163 55
Waterproof	J. D. Adams	1200 00	1200 00
Tensas Colored Mission	J. C. Pitts	900 00	825 00
Winnsborough	T. H. McClendon	200 00	110 16
"	T. J. Upton	1000 00	556 00

EDUCATION.

Q. 19. What is the action of the Conference on the cause of Education?

A. The following report of the Committee on Education was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that they have had the subject presented to them by the Conference under consideration. We have fully and partially, under our care three male colleges; either in successful operation, or in that condition that gives us ground to hope that they will be successful at no distant day. These are the Centenary College of Louisiana, the Homer College, and the Pierce and Paine College.

The Centenary College of Louisiana is now a fixed fact. Under the good management of its Faculty and Trustees, with the fostering care of the Mississippi and Louisiana Conferences, success is certain. To this College we have long pledged our influence, and we feel no disposition that our influence should be lessened in the least degree. We feel proud of her position—of her ample halls and beautiful grounds—and we are thankful that she is, not only a place where the sons of Louisiana can receive a polished education, but for the moral influence that she has wielded, and still continues to wield. Centenary College is so located that her interests cannot come in conflict with the interests of any other College we have. All the parishes East of the Mississippi river, and the whole of the valley west of that river will always patronize Centenary; while that portion of the State laying between Ouachita and Red Rivers, will patronise Homer College, and that West of Red River, with East Texas, will patronize Paine and Pierce College. Thus we see, that, though we have three Colleges, there is no conflict of interests between them, and that pledging ourselves to sustain one, is no reason why we should withdraw our patronage from the others.

CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA.

In reference to this institution we have learned the following facts and statistics:

The College has now entered upon its fourteenth session. It is sending forth, annually, a large class of young men, who are ornaments to the various walks of private and professional life. It has a Faculty of nine men, all competent instructors and faithful teachers; most of them men of ripe scholarship, and long experince in teaching. Its course of study is as

extensive as that of any College under the supervision of our Church, and this course is thoroughly taught. The Joint Board and Faculty are determined that in this respect the standard shall be elevated rather than depressed.

Since the completion of the new center building, the College is prepared to accommodate three hundred Students, and we hope it will not be long till that number will be on the Register. Other aids, such as Libraries, Cabinet, Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus, will bear favorable comparison with other Institutions of the same grade. We confidently expect the College to increase in public confidence and usefulness under the joint patronage of the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences; and, by the blessing of God upon the labors of all who are interested in her welfare. Many of the young men are under the influence of God's Word and his Spirit, brought into the Church, and when they leave the College, they go forth to sustain and build up the Church throughout the bounds of the patronizing Conferences. Of the 169 graduates, 81 are members of our Church, and 6 are members of other Churches. Of the 16 who have died, 10 are known to have died in the triumphs of the Gospel. Six of the graduates are Ministers of the Gospel of Peace, and are calling men to repentance. Of the present number of Students, over one-third are members of our Church. These facts are calculated to encourage us, while they show us that the Faculty have not failed to conduct a Christian College on Christian principles. In the preceding statement no mention has been made of the vast number of under graduates that have been sent forth in the last thirteen years; many of these sustain honorable positions in the various walks of life. The College educates, as far as tuition is concerned, the sons of itinerant ministers, gratis. Fourteen sons of the members of the Mississippi Conference have graduated there, and every one of them are to-day members in good standing in our Church. God is not only establishing the work of our hands upon us, but he is giving us our children in fulfillment of his gracious promises. The special attention of the Conference is called to the present indebtedness on the College building recently erected, and to the subject of increasing the endowment fund. The debt has not decreased during the past year, and if not speedily met our character will suffer, if it is not suffering already. In view of these facts the Mississippi Conference appointed an Agent, and directed their Secretary to apprise us of it, with the request that one should be appointed by the Louisiana Conference to co-operate in raising funds to pay the debts of the College, and also to raise an Endowment Fund. Your Committee beleive that an efficient agent would be eminently successful within a part of our Conference, in raising funds for these worthy objects. But few of the laity have ever been applied to for aid in this great enterprise, and they

only wait the opertunity to give. The importance of an Endowment Fund to place the College above any ordinary contingency—to enable the Board of Trustees to command and retain a full and competent Faculty—to enable the Faculty to keep good discipline among the Students; and to improve the grounds and increase the Libraries, Apparatus and Cabinet, so that the College may thereby be prepared to enter advantageously into competition with more Northern Colleges, must be perceived by us all, and until such an Endowment Fund is raised the College will not be established upon immovable basis. The Conferences around us are alive to this great work. Look at Alabama, raising in less than two years $320,000, for a single educational enterprise, and cannot Louisiana and Mississippi combined, with their vast resources, and their central position upon the rich delta of the Mississippi river, do as much? It appears to your Committee that every man, true to humanity, to his children, to his Church and to his God, will respond in the affirmative, and to the extent of his ability will assist to attain such a noble object. In view of the whole subject your Committee unanimously recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of an Agent for the interests of Centenary College; to raise funds for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the College building; and securing to it an Endowment Fund of ($100,000) one hundred thousand dollars.

Resolved, That no Agent be appointed for any of our educational interests without his consent.

HOMER COLLEGE.

This Institution of learning is situated in one of our Northern Parishes, in the midst of a thick and a thriving population. We doubt not that the time is not far distant when hundreds will be receiving instruction in her halls.

The Trustees report, that because of several untoward circumstances the College building is not yet completed. But every thing is now in readiness, and the work is going on, so, that in a few weeks the building will be finished.

They have purchased a set of Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus; and for the beginning of a College Library they have 200 volumes. The Trustees represent the financial condition of the College to be very good. They say that the builders have received about three-fifths of their pay. There is due the Board, in good, collectable, indisputable subscription, several thousand dollars more than it will take to pay for the building, which added to that in suit, will make a handsome fund for incidentals. The length of time in putting up the College building has lessened the confidence of many of its friends in its final success, therefore the Agent has not been as

successful as otherwise he would have been in obtaining money for the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund raised in 1857, amounting to seven thousand dollars ($7,000), has increased to something like thirteen thousand dollars ($13,000); but the Trustees feel assured that the same cause will not be in the way any more. Notwithstanding the crippled condition of the College, the want of suitable buildings, the bad health of the President elect, Rev. Mr. Cobb, and many other things that operated against them, the number of Students that entered the Institution during the past year were nearly one hundred. This speaks well for the College. She is in the right place, where she is needed, and it is but the earnest of her prosperity after everything will have been completed. We will not be surprised if, at no distant day, there will be five hundred names on the register of Homer College.

In reference to this College your Committee recommend, for your adoption, the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we will still give our aid and patronage to Homer College.

Resolved, 2. That we are pleased to learn that the Board have a fine Apparatus, while we regret the delay in finishing the buildings.

Resolved, 3. That we recommend that the Presiding Elder of the Ouachita District be appointed to act as Agent for Homer College.

PIERCE AND PAINE COLLEGE.

Your Committee rejoice in the prospect of this institution; we think that it has as much importance attached to it as any College with which we are connected. Some may think that the Trustees are proceeding too slowly, but your Committee think otherwise. It appears to be the object of the Trustees to secure a permanent Endowment Fund, and cash besides, sufficient to pay for the College buildings before they will lay the corner stone. The Trustees are acting wisely. Great enterprises cannot be accomplished in a day or in a year. In this, as well as in every important undertaking, we must learn to labor and to wait.

That the present condition of the College might be brought fully before the Conference we beg leave to make the following extract from the report of the Trustees, by their Secretary, which was referred to the Committee on Education:

"*To the Bishop and members of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South.*

"Rev. Gentlemen: As Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Pierce and Paine College, to be located at Pleasant Hill, DeSoto Parish, La., it devolves upon me, as its proper organ, through which your Reverend body is made acquainted with the condition and prospects of the above mentioned

Institution ; and, particularly its progress since the project has been taken under the watch-care and guardianship of the Louisiana Conference of the M. E. Church South.

"At the time the Conference took control of said Institution, which occured at its sitting in Mansfield, on the 3d day of February, 1858, the Secretary begs leave to report the total amount of subscription, at that time to have been, forty-nine thousand and two hundred dollars ($49,200). Since which time the Agent your Reverend body gave us, (Rev. B. F. Alexander) has raised in new subscription, and closed by notes, nine thousand, seven hundred and thirty-five dollars and seventy-six cents ($9,735 76), which makes the total amount of all subscriptions raised for the College, fifty-eight thousand, nine hundred and thirty-five dollars and seventy-six cents ($58,935 76), for the following puposes:

"Say for Professorship of Ancient Languages, twenty-four thousand and seven hundred dollars ($24,700), of which amount there is closed up by notes, twenty-two thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars ($22,550), and twenty-one hundred and fifty dollars ($2150) of the above mentioned subscription remains as yet unclosed. One-fifth of the total amount of said Professorship, say $4,940, was due and payable on the 1st day of March, 1858, and thence the installments of one-fifth will be due annually thereafter.

"For the Mathematical Professorship, there has been raised twenty-four thousand, five hundred dollars, of which amount there is closed by notes, twenty-one thousand dollars ($21,000), and thirty-five hundred dollars of the above mentioned Professorship remains as yet unclosed. One-fifth, say $4,900, of said total subscription was due and payable on the 1st day of March, 1858, and thence the installments of one-fifth will be due annually thereafter; but by resolution of the Board of Trustees, the original subscribers were allowed the privilege of merely paying the interest up annually, and retaining the principal, on the above two Professorships.

"For the R L. Childers' Professorship there has been raised, five thousand and forty-seven dollars and fifty cents ($5,047 50), which amount, has all been closed up by notes, at one, two, three and four years from the 1st of March, 1858 ; with the exception of one hundred and fifteen dollars ($115 00), which amount remains as yet unclosed.

"For the Building Fund there has been raised, in notes and cash, four thousand, six hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-six cents ($4,688 26). There has been paid out of this fund some twenty-seven hundred dollars ($2700 00) ; say for the 16th Section Land, to the Agent and his expenses, cleaning off the College Campers, and digging well on same, leaving a balance of some nineteen hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-six cents ($1988 26) in favor of the Building Fund ; one-fourth of which amount will fall due on the 1st of March, 1859.

"Thus it will be seen that the total amount of subscriptions closed by notes and cash is fifty-three thousand and seventy dollars and seventy-six cents ($53,070 76), and the total amount of all unclosed subscriptions, is five thousand, eight hundred and sixty-five dollars ($5,865 00).

"Making the grand total amount, of all subscriptions raised as before stated, fifty-eight thousand, nine hundred and thirty-five dollars and seventy-six cents ($58,935 76).

"The Secretary begs leave also to report that 570 acres of land, of the 16th Section, has been purchased at an average cost of two dollars and sixty-three and a half cents per acre, or total cost, say ($1,502 18,) fifteen hundred and two dollars and eighteen cents, and paid for out of the Building Fund; said 570 acres of land has been surveyed, lines defined, and titles obtained for the same; titles have also been obtained for 25 acres of land for the College Campers, donated by Mr. John Jordan, adjoining the 16th Section, as wel as 40 acres of land donated by Mr. R. Rufus King, in the vicinity of the College Campers; making the total number of acres of land now owned by the College 635 acres. The whole value of which may be estimated at the lowest calculation, say twenty-five hundred and eighty dollars (2,580 00)."

The Board of Trustees, having unanimously requested that their former Agent should be re-appointed, your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend the Bishop to re-appoint the Rev. B. F. Alexander to the Agency of Pierce and Paine College.

Mr. David A. Blackshire and Mr. Edmund Davis, having resigned their Trusteeship of Pierce and Paine College, it becomes the duty of this Conference, according to the charter, to fill their places; therefore, your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That Dempsey Odam be appointed to fill the place of David A. Blackshire, and that Warren Jackson be appointed to fill the place of Edmund Davis, in the Board of Trustees of Pierce and Paine College.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

This institution is located in the North-Western part of our State, in the beautiful town from which it takes its name. The present flourishing condition of the College demonstrates that it is in the midst of a people as liberal as they are energetic. Over one hundred young ladies, during the last session, were there being educated. And all who know the beloved President, Dr. Thweat, know his full qualification as a scholar and an amiable and polite christian gentleman, to give that training to the mind of the young ladies committed to his charge that will enable them to take

a stand in any of the circles of life, and discharge well the duties of their stations.

The College is placed by the Trustees under the entire management of Dr. Thweat, leaving to him the employment of the College Steward, and, also, the Teachers in the various departments of the College. All, however, subject to the approval of the Trustees. Your Committee believe that the management of the College could not be committed to safer hands.

In regard to the financial condition of the College, your Committee is happy to find that the energetic agent appointed at our last Conference, Rev. P. M. Goodwyn, has been industriously and successfully engaged. The Trustees announce, as the result of his labors, the obtaining of subscriptions amounting to nearly eight thousand dollars ($8,000). The Trustees moreovor report the College now nearly out of debt, and they are determined to raise the small sum, which is necessary to pay this debt, among their immediate friends, or pay it themselves. Your Committee would congratulate the Trustees on their success in establishing such an institution in their pleasant town, which now stands in their midst, without any embarrassment whatever, and we doubt not but that children and children's children, for many generations, will receive the blessing of education within her halls.

The Trustees wish very much to increase their Library, and they recommend to us the importance of this undertaking, and, also, that every member of our Conference would assist them by procuring donations or books for this object among their friends and acquaintances. Your Committee would make the same recommendation. In reference to this institution the following resolutions are recommended:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend the re-appointment of Dr. Thweatt to the Presidency of Mansfield Female College.

Resolved, 2. That we will continue our fostering care over said institution.

Resolved, 3. That we recommend to the Conference the following persons to be appointed the Board of Trustees for Mansfield Female College, to-wit: J. D. Wemple, William Crosby, R. T. Johnson, Hamilton Sloan, Joseph Wilder, A. M. Campbell, Henry Phillips, S. J. Gruning, J. W. McElroy, John L. Scales, H. L. Moss, W. E. Doty, Lewis Phillips, Wilson Godfrey, W. H. Terrell, Geo. C. Burns, Edward Davis, B. W. Pearson, J. H. Mumford, Geo. R. Draughon, H. J. Phillips, V. H. Jones, J. D. Shelly, J. C. Porter and John C. Burruss.

Resolved, 4. That the card of Mansfield Female College be published with our report, on condition that the College will pay ten dollars ($10 00) toward defraying the expenses of publishing it.

BATON ROUGE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This flourishing institution is under the superintendency of Professor W. H. N. Magruda. The scholastic ability and reputation of this gentleman are a sufficient guarantee for its success. We respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will manifest the interest we feel in the prosperity of the Collegiate Institute at Baton Rouge, by securing for it a more extensive patronage.

FEMALE SEMINARY AT BATON ROUGE.

This institution for the instruction of young ladies is sustaining the high character it has had for several years. Your Committee would express their high appreciation of the labors of Mrs. Read, in this flourishing Seminary, assisted by an able corpse of teachers. She has done much in educating the young ladies within our bounds, and many who have received their education from her are now among the brightest ornaments to society and to the Church. That the epidemic may not interfere with her School, she has procured buildings at Greenwell Springs, where she can take her pupils during that time. Your Committee, respectfully recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That our confidence is unabated in the ability of Mrs. Read as a teacher of young ladies, and we recommend her School to all our friends, as an excellent place, where their daughters can receive a finished education.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The educational institutions of our Church are rapidly increasing in number and importance, justly requiring the increased attention of our Conference, and increased notice from our Church papers, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to all those whose duty it shall be to prepare reports for the press or the Conference, to make them as brief as possible, that they may be patiently read and heard, and their contents duly considered.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN J. DAVIS, *Chairman*

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Q. 20. What is the action of the Conference on Sabbath Schools?

A. The following, of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, was adopted:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Committee on Sunday Schools present the following report:

There are within the bounds of the Louisiana Annual Conference, 81 schools, 534 teachers and officers, 3638 children, in Sabbath Schools; 22,154 volumes in library; $1585 17, raised for Sunday School purposes; 1380 copies of the Sunday School Visitor taken, and $258 48, raised for missions.

These figures show an *increase* of 16 schools, 74 teachers and officers, 689 Sunday School scholars, 2725 volumes in library, 32 copies of the Sunday School Visitor, and $258 48, raised for missions, and a *decrease* of $132 57.

Your Committee are aware that these statistics are not perfect, but they are as near so as we have been able to make them. We are gratified to note a steady increase, in all the departments of the Sunday School work, and trust that we shall thereby be incited to greater diligence.

Your Committee regard the Sabbath School Institution as a burning and shining light, whose splendors are ever rising to a higher altitude, and flaming over a wider horizon.

The conviction yearly deepens in the mind of the Christian world, that the Sabbath School work, is one of the noblest, and among the most hopeful for good that characterizes this stiring and onward age. An inteligent Christian would now almost as soon expect to dispense with the preaching of the Word, as the Sabbath School from among the sanctified instrumentalities of the Kingdom of God. All feel that we must more and more continue to look to the Sabbath School as a principal arm of service

to the Church militant, in her march to the moral conquest of the world.

But let us not waste our zeal in mere eulogistic phrase, but let us labor with untiring and holy diligence, to advance this blessed enterprise to a position of still more commanding efficiency.

Your Committee are painfully sensible that the Louisiana Conference labors under great, and in some aspects almost insurmountable difficulties, in relation to the extension and building up of the Sabbath School Institution. Our population is for the most part agricultural; the plantations are large, and the white population in portions of the State sparse; rendering Sabbath Schools in many communities, almost impossible.

A large portion of our population speak a language, and hold to religious opinions widely different from our own, and are almost entirely inaccessible to our efforts.

These are discouraging circumstances, but still a wide door is open to us, and we feel that we should bestir ourselves with a heartier, and more persistent zeal to enter into the field which whitens to the harvest before us.

In all our towns and neighborhoods there are scores and hundreds of children, under the fostering care of no Sabbath School, whom we should seek after, and gather into the fold. Your Committee would suggest that something may be done by obtaining subscribers for the Sunday School Visitor, and circulating Sunday School Books in families, where Sunday Schools cannot be organized.

In conclusion, we would say, let us unitedly labor to be useful in this field of Christian enterprise, and continually pray for the happy time, when "all the children shall be taught of the Lord."

J. B. WALKER,
J. A. IVY, } Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

New Orleans District.	Schools	Officers T'ch'rs.	No. of Schol's.	No. of vols. in Library	Amount Coll'ted	Visitors	Miss'ry Col'ns
Carondelet Street	1	40	231	1,918		175	$100 65
Felicity Street	2	41	320	1,700	$244 00	150	200 00
Moreau Street	1	28	250	2,150	565 07	200	48 48
New Orleans Circuit	3	26	180	560	32 00	220	
Jefferson and Laurel Streets	2	24	160	450	120 00		10 00
First German Mission	1	17	70	600	45 00	15	
Second " "	2	33	140	555	41 30	30	
Third " "	1	3	28	75		15	
Fourth " "	1	11	40	150	16 00	10	
Baton Rouge	1	10	96	500	10 00		
Plaquemine and Gros Tete	2	10	30	676			
Thibodaux	1	9	30	300	4 50	45	
Bayou Black and Lafourche	1	6	18	600		10	
Opelousas District.							
Franklin and Pattersonville	2	21	142	800	70 00		
New Iberia	1	7	35	100	20 00	30	
Opelousas	5	27	130	600	90 00	30	
Vermillion	2	15	250	200	4 20	53	
Washington	2	6	60	100			
Evergreen							
Alexandria	1	8	30	700	25 00	40	
Harrisonburg	1	6	50	100	10 00	2	
Calcasieu	2	6	28	100		3	
Columbia							
North Papides	2	10	26	450			
Shreveport District.							
Shreveport	1	7	50	200			
Caddo							
Mansfield	2	30	130	500	20 00	50	
Grand Cane							
Natchitoches	4		200			28	
Sparta	3	12	70	250			
Red River	2	8	35	100	20 00		
Lake Bisteneau	1	4	24	175	11 60		
North Bosier	2	12	50	100	16 00		
Ouachita District.							
Minden	1	5	26	100			
Homer	2	15	130	550	57 00		
Farmerville	5	30	144	738	39 70	107	
Monroe	1	6	20	150	21 00	20	
Ouachita							
Bastrop	3	9	50				
Vernon						25	
Dugdemonia							
Lake Providence District.							
Lake Providence	2		100	1,500		3	
Carrol Circuit	1	5	30	250			
Richmond	2	10	50	500	30 40	30	
Ion	1	4	25	200			
St. Joseph	3	7	50	1,200		50	
Waterproof	2	12	40	4,050	50 00	50	
Winsboro'	2	9	45	225	22 60		
Trinity	4		120				
Concordia							
New Carthage							
	81	549	3734	24,072	$1585 47	1371	$359 13

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

Q. 21. What is the action of the Conference relative to Church Publications?

A. The following report of the Committee on Church Publications was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee, having given these great interests their careful consideration, beg to submit the following as their report, viz:

The annual exhibit of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, furnishes us with the information, that while the assets are considerably above the liabilities, the *debt* of the establishment is heavy. This, we are told, arises mainly from the fact, that those who trade with the house are slow to make payment, and many, *never* pay at all. This is certainly a sad state of affairs, and should be remedied as soon as possible.

There is a very large surplus of books on the shelves at Nashville, which, while there, is dead capital. To find an outlet for that immense surplus stock, a plan has been devised and submitted to the consideration of yonr Committee, which, however, was rejected as being "*impracticable*," and recommended to the General Agent to establish a permanent agency in this City, for the sale of our publications, as there is a large and commodious building purchased and secured by deed, to the Trustees, in trus t for the Southern Publishing House.

This establishment was purchased at a cost of $15,000, $4130 of which has been paid. There is, however, a sufficient number of drafts and notes in the hands of the Treasurer to liquidate all claims.

It is the earnest desire of your Committee that the agent at Nashville supply the New Orleans Depository with books, for notwithstanding the numerous inconveniences and difficulties that have presented themselves, the Depository has done a safe business.

Your Committee beg leave, also, to report that the New Orleans Christian Advocate is in a healthy and flourishing condition; that its future bids fair to be one of triumph and success. The financial condition of the paper is good. We have from the Publishing Committee, the following satisfactory statemeut as to the finances for the year ending Nov. 1st, 1858:

Receipts from subscribers, - - - -	$7,967 74
Receipts from advertisements, - - - -	2,548 75
Total, - - - - - -	$10,516 49
Expenses for publication, - - - .	10,338 14
Leaving a balance in favor of paper, - -	$ 178 35

The number of subscribers, exclusive of agents and exchanges, are 6460, an increase over the past year of 600; an unmistakable evidence of the growing condition and popularity of the paper. We are happy to report that the Advocate has been adopted by the Alabama and Mississippi Conferences, as the organ of the M. E. Church in their bounds.

Your Committee recommend the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, 1st. That in accordance with the provision of the Discipline, made at the last General Conference, we hereby adopt the New Orleans Christian Advocate as the organ of the M. E. Church, South, within our bounds, and that we appoint three members of our body to act in conjunction with those appointed by the patronizing Conferences, as Publishing Committee of said paper for the ensuing year.

Resolved, 2d. That in response to resolutions of the Alabama and Mississippi Conferences, we will do all we can to increase its circulation and to collects its accounts.

The Church Evangelist.—Your Committee commend to the fostering care of this Conference, the Church Evangelist, as proposed in the plan submitted, by the agent, Rev. C. K. Marshall. The resolutions submitted to and adopted by the Committee, require that the Louisiana Conference commend the Church Evangelist scheme to the cordial regards of our people within our bounds.

The Quarterly Review, heretofore, has been a drain on the pe-

cuniary interest of the Church, in consequence of which, the late General Conference very nearly resolved to discontinue it. It was continued on condition that there shall be two thousand subscribers secured by the 1st of January, 1859. We heartily endorse and will endeavor to sustain it.

The Home Circle, which should be in every Methodist family, we are sorry to report, still labors for want of a more liberal patronage. This should not be—we love this beautiful magazine and will support it.

The Sunday School Visitor.—The organ of Sabbath Schools—the companion and fast friend of the Church's children, is still increasing in circulation and popularity.

Its march of usefulness is onward and upward. This spirited little sheet might and *will* be sustained by Methodists throughout the bounds of our Conference.

The Christian Advocate, at Nashville, as well as the whole Advocate family is still sending out its weekly messages of love and trust to thousands.

The Committee recommend that J. C. Keener, J. B. Walker and Linus Parker, be appointed Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate for this Conference.

The Committee offer the following reports and resolutions:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY.

To the Louisiana Annual Conference—

Dear Brethren: The Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Methodist Depository, respectfully report. that in accordance with the purposes of their incorporation, they have purchased a suitable house for the use of the Book Agent, as a Depository for our Church publications, for the use of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and for such other purposes as the Conference may direct. The house has been purchased for fifteen thousand dollars, cash. Of this amount, $4,190 00 has been paid, leaving a balance

unpaid of $10,810 00. To meet this debt they have subscription notes,

Due January 1, 1858,	$1,760 00
" November 15, 1858,	1,270 00
" January 1, 1859,	7,510 00
" May 15, 1859,	1,520 00
" January 1, 1860,	225 00
Total,	$13,285 00

Whole amount of money received by Treasurer to date $7456 78

DISBURSED:

For expenses, books and circular,	$32 25	
Salary of Agent, $1000, expenses, $574 75,	1574 75	
Fitting up Depository, rent, etc.,	1381 12	
To J. P. Harrison, on price of Depository,	4190 00	
Total,	$7,178 12	
Balance on hand,	278 66	
		$7,456 78

J. B. WALKER, President.

LINUS PARKER, Secretary.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE OF NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

To the Members of the Louisiana Conference—

DEAR BRETHREN: The Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, respectfully present you their report of the financial condition of the Advocate for the year ending November 1, 1858.

Receipts from subscribers,	$7,967 74
" from advertisements,	2,548 75
Total,	$10,516 49
Expenses of publication,	$10,338 14

Number of subscribers, exclusive of agents and exchanges, 6,460, an increase over the last year of 600 subscribers. Not-

withstanding this increase the amount received from subscribers is less than that of last year by the sum of $1,382 78.

By subscriptions alone the paper, though now in the eighth year of its existence, could not be supported, as they yielded this year $2,370 40 less than the actual cost of publication. The receipts from advertising have been necessary to overcome this deficiency.

These figures of facts show the difficulty of bringing a religious journal up to the self-sustaining point.

During the past year the Committee have improved the quality of the material upon which the Advocate is printed, have increased its size, and very recently have put in it a greater amount of reading matter, determined to make the paper as excellent and as pleasant to the eye as their resources will admit. These improvements are at an annual cost of $1,768.

The Committee cannot see why religious journalism in our Church cannot be made to approach the success which gives the New York Christian Advocate near 40,000, and the Cincinnati, over 30,000 subscribers; they believe that one of the difficulties in the way to such success has been obviated by the recent action of the General Conference, in bringing the paper and its patronizing Conferences into closer sympathy.

In conclusion the Committee would remind the Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana Conferences that this Advocate is their own offspring, has been fostered from the beginning by their personal labors, that it can only be maintained by their continued care; and they earnestly invite the Alabama and Mississippi Conferences to appoint Publishing Committees to act in common with that of the Louisiana Conference in the conduct of this paper, and in the support of an enterprise that is dear to every friend of Truth and Methodism in the South-west.

J. C. KEENER,
J. B. WALKER,
LINUS PARKER, } Committee.

New Orleans, November 1, 1858.

CHURCH EVANGELIST.

In view of the effort now being made to establish a cheap

weekly paper for wide and general circulation among our people at large; therefore

Resolved, That this Conference cheerfully adopt the plan, as approved by the late General Conference for the endowment and publication of the *Church Evangelist*, and we will endeavor to facilitate the establishment of said paper, as far as it is in our power.

Resolved, That we commend the *Church Evangelist* scheme of publication, as set forth in the circular of its General Agent, to the cordial regards of our people within the bounds of our Conference.

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to authorise all agents appointed for Conference interests and institutions, to act also for the Church Evangelist, endowment fund.

NEW ORLEANS DEPOSITORY.

Resolved, That the Publishing Agent be informed that the Trustees of the New Orleans Depository, of M. E. Church, South, have purchased a large and convenient Depository building, and that they hold the same for the use of the Publishing Agent, and that he be requested to use the same, and establish therein a permanent agency for the sale of all the books published by the Southern Church.

J. W. JOHNSON, Chairman.

TRACTS.

Q. 22. What is the action of the Conference on the Tract Cause?

A. The Chairman of Committee on Tract Cause made the following report, which was adopted:

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TRACT CAUSE.

NUMBER OF PAGES DISTRIBUTED GRATIS.

Moreau Street	54,000
Baton Rouge	3,000
Plaquemine and Grosse Tête	2,500
First German Mission	500
Second " "	3,000
Fourth " "	10,000
Alexandria	500
Natchitoches Circuit	3,000
Homer Circuit	7,000
Monroe and Trenton Circuit	100
St. Joseph Circuit	2,500
Carroll Circuit	150
New Carthage Circuit	5,000
Winnsborough Circuit	2,000
Total pages	93,250

COLLECTIONS FOR PARENT TRACT SOCIETY.

Mansfield Circuit	$80 00
Grand Cane Circuit	10 00
Red River Circuit	36 00
Total	$126 00

VALUE OF TRACTS SOLD.

Opelousas Circuit	$95 00
Harrisonburg Circuit	10 00
Total	$105 00

COLLECTED FOR LOCAL TRACT PURPOSES.

Moreau Street	$170 00
Plaquemine and Grosse Tête	13 50
Waterproof Circuit	6 00
Total	$189 50

REPORT OF TRACT AGENT.

The undersigned, Tract Agent, begs leave to present the following report:

Owing to various hindrances, your agent has done but little for the Tract Cause. In some few places the people refused to respond to the call, but generally they responded as readily and liberally as could be expected. His plan was to organize local Societies in the several Circuits, as far as practible. Societies have been formed in the following Circuits, to-wit: Minden, Homer, Farmerville, Vernon, Sparta, Red River, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, Natchitoches and Winsborough.

The following persons have become life members of the Conference Tract Society, by the contribution of ten dollars or more, namely: Mrs. Harriet N. Houghton, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Sterling, Mrs. Ann L. Ross, Mrs. M. A. M. Knox, Robt. J. Knox, Thos. G. A. Thorp, Mrs. Brantley, T. D. Brown, A. G. Jordan, Henry Jordan, Mr. Saxan, Wm. Baird, A. W. Tucker, J. M. Ford, John L. Scales, J. W. Hooter, J. M. Randolph, J. W. Osborn, Dr. W. S. McIntosh, Z. Preston, Dr. W. D. Anderson, M. R. Bowman, Mrs. Mary Bowman, Miss Florence, C. Lovelace, Burrel E. Johnson, Mrs. Sophia H. Cloud, Mrs. Mary R. Head and James Walker.

The following sums have been collected:

Homer Circuit.....	$85 30	Bastrop Circuit.....	$90 00
Sparta Circuit.....	44 85	Winsborough Circuit	80 25
Farmerville Circuit..	41 45	Bœuf River " ..	10 00
Vernon Circuit.....	32 57	Evergreen " ..	5 60
Minden "	38 55	Grand Cane " ..	10 00
Ouachita "	9 75	Red River " ..	86 00
Natchitoches Circuit.	68 00	Waterproof " ..	75 00
Mansfield and Pleasast Hill Circuit...	70 50	Harrisonburg " ..	11 25
Caddo Circuit.....	66 50	Total.....	$816 57

About two hundred dollars more was pledged, and the agent learns that at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill some more was collected, but by some means failed to be sent to him, and he cannot report the amount, while other sums remain unpaid.

The agent has distributed Tracts and Books to the amount of

$61 50, and could have distributed a great many more Tracts, could he have procured them. He had a package shipped from Nashville on the 24th July, which were detained in New Orleans until a few weeks since, containing about $40 00 worth of Tracts, which he hopes to get and have forwarded to the contributors, who are entitled to them, and to whom they are promised. He would respectfully recommend that in place of appointing a Tract Agent, the Preachers aud Presiding Elders attend to the interest of the Tract Cause in their respective fields of labor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL SANDERS, Agent.

New Orleans, 1858.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Q. 23. What is the action of the Conference on the Bible Cause?

A. The following report and resolutions were adopted:

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to offer the following as their report:

Since the organization of the American Bible Society in 1816, the Holy Scriptures have been translated into more than 60 different languages and dialects.

They have been multipled into millions of copies, and now through the wide field of the world the Bible is working its way. It has thus annulled the cause of Babel, and holds communion with all nations in their own vernacular tongue.

It is softening the barbarism of the Islands of the Pacific, and breathes its mild and peaceful spirit into the hearts of the rude savages of the East and North. Late revolutions have torn bleeding, but wide openings, into which the Bible is entering to

heal. British and American imprints have been sold and read in both China and Japan. It is incorporated into our system of education from our North-eastern to our South-western borders, and from the shores of the Atlantic to the Pacific. The emigrant reads it in the defiles of the Rocky Mountains and the mines of California, and the Laplander by the light of his seal oil lamp. It is "*Messiah's moving throne, instinct with life, and all its sweeping wheels are full of eyes and full of energy.*" Wherever it appears the darkness of human nature vanishes, and the light of knowledge of the glory of God is seen in the face Jesus Christ. For "the law of the Lord is pefect, converting the soul; the testimonies of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

An institution that has for its sole object the desimination of the pure "Word of Life," as we have received it from heaven, without note or comment, challenges our admiration and commands our support.

Nor should we lose sight of the fact that the Bible, more than all things else, has made us what we are. Hence we are summoned by the voice of God, by the Golden Rule of the Savior, and by the kindred precept, "freely have ye received, freely give," to send it to those who have it not.

And although much has been done, and much yet remains to be done. Nothing but prayer, labor and liberality can accomplish the great work of giving the Bread of Life to the world.

We offer for your adoption the following, viz:

Resolved, 1st. That we will coöperate with the authorized agents of the Parent Society, and commend the Holy cause to the sympathies, prayers and contributions of our people.

Resolved, 2d. That where it is not practicable for the General Agents of the Society to visit us, we will in that case take up a collection in our several charges in aid of the Bible Cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

REYNOLDS TRIPPETT,
Chairman of Bible Committee.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

Report of moneys collected for Bible Cause during the year closing December 16, 1858:

Carondelet Street, $85, by Rev. L. Parker (paid to Bible Society)	$85 00
Moreau Street, $10, by Rev. R. J. Harp (paid to Bible Society)	10 00
Franklin and Pattersonville, $25, by Rev. J. W. Johnson (paid to Bible Society)	25 00
Opelousas, $320, by Rev. B. F. White and Agent (paid to Bible Society)	320 00
St. Joseph Circuit, $25, by Rev. R. Trippett (used on the work)	25 00
Whole amount	$465 00

B. F. WHITE, Chairman.

MONUMENTS FOR DECEASED MINISTERS.

The Committee on Monuments reported that the remains of the following Ministers who have labored in Louisiana are resting without tomb-stones or scarcely a board to mark the spot where they are buried:

Richmond Nolly, in Catahoula.
——— Brewer, at Cotile.
——— Jones, beyond the Calcasieu.
William Hines, at Donaldsonville.
——— Tinder, at the mouth of Bartholomew, in Ouachita Parish.
H. B. Page and two children, burnt on the "Yellow Busha," opposite Bayou Goula.
William Tostrick, in New Orleans.
Jesse A. Guice, in Tensas Parish.
——— Bremer, in New Orleans.
Jones H. Waters, in Vermillion Parish.
W. H. Turnley, in Catahoula.
Alexander M. Whitney, near Chaneyville.

R. L. Childers, in Carrollton, Jefferson Parish.

Thomas H. Foster, in Baton Rouge.

W. Stevenson, in Bossier.

Resolved, That Monuments of white marble, of uniform size and value, be raised to these brethren, with an inscription stating that it is raised by the Louisiana Conference; the place and date of birth and conversion, the date of admission into the traveling connection; the dates and places of successive appointments; the date and place of death, and the last text preached from.

Resolved, 2d, That the value of the stone be ———— dollars; and the shape of the stone a solid, two feet square and four feet high, and placed upon a granite base.

Resolved, 3d, That each Preacher in the bounds of whose work any traveling preacher may have died, shall ascertain the exact place where his remains lie, and forward a statement of the fact to the Chairman of the Committee at New Orleans.

J. C. Keener, J. B. Walker and H. N. McTyeire, were appointed Standing Committee on Monuments.

COLLECTIONS TO BE TAKEN UP IN 1858.

1. The Collection for Home and Foreign Missions.
2. The Widows' and Orphans' Per Cent.
3. The Collection for Bible Cause.
4. The Collection for Tract Cause.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN LAY SESSION.

Resolved, 1. That the Louisiana Annual Conference earnestly desire the coöperation of brethren, members of the M. E. Church, South, within the bounds of the Conference, to advance the several benevolent and financial interests which have heretofore been under the sole care of the Conference.

2. That it hereby pressingly invites each of the Quarterly Meeting Conferences within its bounds to select some one gentleman, a member of the Church, to attend at the place where the

next Annual Conference shall meet (Franklin), to give aid and share in the Committee action of the Conference upon the cause of Missions—the cause of Education—the Sabbath School cause—the Church Publications—the Support of the Ministry and Temperance cause.

3. That the Conference shall now appoint, from its members, the Chairman of the several Committees on the aforesaid benevolent interests, who will be expected to prepare, during the year, a report for the various interests they represent, *excepting* the Committee on Missions, which shall meet and act with the Board of Managers on the first day of the meeting of the Conference.

4. That upon each afternoon of the days on which the Conference shall meet, the Conference shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, upon some one of the aforesaid benevolent causes; and shall, together with the Committee from the Quarterly Meeting Conferences, constitute the Committee on Education—the Committee on Church Publications—the Committee on Sunday Schools—the Committee on Missions—the Committee on Ministerial Support, and the Committee on Temperance. The aforesaid Chairman shall preside, and shall report, upon rising, to the President of the Conference, the action of the Committee of the Whole, in a written Report.

5. That the Preachers in charge of Franklin be requested to make provision for the entertainment of the Committee-men of the Quarterly Conference during the next Conference Session.

6. That the following be the Chairmen of the several Committees for the next Conference:

Chairman of the Committee on Missions, Joel Sanders, President of the Missionary Society.

Chairman of Committee on Sunday Schools, J. A. Ivy.
" " " " Education, S. B. Suratt.
" " " " Church Publications, J. W. Johnson.
" " " " Ministerial Support, J. Pipes.
" " " " Temperance, N. A. Cravens.
" " " " Tracts, R. J. Harp, Pres't Tract Soc.
" " " " Bible Cause, R. Trippett.

Resolved, That the rules regulating the Committee of the Whole in Lay Session shall differ from the ordinary rules of a Committee of the Whole in the following:

1. It shall elect its own Secretary.

2. It may appoint sub-Committees upon the subject-matter of the Committee.

3. It may limit discussion.

4. It may, upon motion, by changing the Chairman, go into the consideration of another subject without rising.

5. It may put the previous question.

[And in this also; that the Conference does not resume its session immediately upon the rising of the Committee, but meets at its usual hour, and then the Chairman of Committee makes report. —*Publishing Committee.*]

The following Lay-Committee-men were present, and took their seats in the Committee of the Whole, in Lay session:

LAY COMMITTEE-MEN, IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS CONFERENCE.

Theodore Kelsy,	from	Algiers.
Prof. W. H. N. Magruder,	"	Baton Rouge.
Henry L. Green,	"	Winnsboro' Circuit.
Wm. N. Gober,	"	Evergreen Circuit.
Dr. H. T. Chevis,	"	Vermillion Circuit.
Wm. H. Foster, Esq.,	"	Felicity Street, New Orleans.
F. Hathorn,	"	Atchafalaya Circuit.
Fred. D. Smith,	"	St. Joseph Circuit.
Rev. Dr. J. S. Harrison,	"	Moreau Street, New Orleans.
W. C. Currie,	"	Providence Circuit.
Z. Preston,	"	Tensas.
H. B. Kemp,	"	Bastrop.
Dr. A. D. Gaskill,	"	Farmerville.
Rev. J. F. Huber,	"	Second German Mission.
J. Keller,	"	First " "
Mr. Tucker,	"	Caddo Circuit.
Dr. B. H Moss,	"	Carondelet Street, N. O.

LEGAL FORM OF CORPORATIONS FOR CHURCH PROPERTY.

The following was submitted by the Committee on Ministerial support, and was ordered to be published in the Minutes:

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, }
Parish of ———— }

We, the undersigned, do hereby form ourselves into a Corporation to acquire and enjoy the rights, privileges and powers of a Body Corporate, under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Louisiana, approved, March 14th, 1855, entitled "An Act for the organization of Corporations for Literary, Scientific, Religious and Charitable purposes.

ARTICLE I.

The Title of this Corporation shall be [here insert the title of the Corporation].

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Corporation are to acquire and hold lands, houses, and other property for the use and enjoyment of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who now hold or may hereafter hold their membership at ————. It being especially intended to secure to the said church members a house in which they may worship Almighty God, and the free use of the Pulpit to the Ministers and Preachers of the said M. E. Church, South; and also to secure a Parsonage for their Minister.

ARTICLE III.

The Domicil of this Corporation shall be at

ARTICLE IV.

The members of this Corporation, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall be a Board of Trustees, and they shall

elect from among their number at their first meeting a President, and a Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors are chosen The Board of Trustees may remove these officers, and elect their successors at any time by a majority vote. The property shall be held and suits brought and defended in the name of the President and Trustees of the [here insert the title of the Corporation]. Citations shall be made upon the President at his residence. In the execution of any deed or act of the Board of Trustees the signature of the President shall be sufficient. Vacancies may occur in the Board and shall be filled in the manner and by the authorities provided for the appointment of Trustees by the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and this Corporation shall be governed by the laws and usages of the said M. E. Church, South, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the laws of the State and the tenor and meaning of these articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE V.

This Corporation shall continue and exist for ninety-nine years.

NOTE—These Articles must be dated and signed in presence of two witnesses by more than six members of the Methodist Church, and then taken to the District Attorney, who must examine and certify that it is in accordance with the law, and then the Articles must be Recorded in the Office of Parish Recorder, after which the Board may meet, elect their officers, transact business, receive titles, etc.

PREACHERS' FUND SOCIETY.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

J. C. KEENER, *Treasurer, in account with the Preachers' Fund Society of the Louisiana Conference:*

1859.	Dr.
Jan. 8.—To cash on hand at last report, - -	$154 54
To note of D. O. Shattuck for $240, with various credits, and interest on $139 20 from Dec. 7, 1843 to Jan. 8, 1859 (15 years 1 month), - - - - - - -	307 21
To note of J. Sanders for $60, with interest from Dec. 18, 1844 (say 14 years), -	127 20
To note of R. M. Crowson for $15, with interest from Dec. 18, 1845 (say 13 years),	30 60
To due-bill of Wm. R. Gober for $91, with interest from July 6, 1851 (7 years and 5 months), - - - - - - -	143 73
To note of R. Spencer from July 26, 1855, with interest (say 3½ years), - -	102 40
To amount of balance due on note of B. A. Houghton (deceased), $897 83, with interest from Feb. 10, 1857, - - -	1,035 51
To note of J. H. Guerding, President, for $800, with interest from March 15, 1857 (10 months), - - - - - - -	853 34
To cash, interest paid for one year on above,	64 00
To note of C. J. Hallburg for $100, with interest from Feb. 10, 1857, - - -	115 34
To note of D. O. Shattuck for $52, with interest from Jan. 7, 1848 (11 years), -	97 76
To note of R. A. Stewart for $349 44, due Jan. 6, - - - - - - -	349 44
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Jan. 8.—By note on hand of D. O. Shattuck, with interest,		$307 21
" " " " " " " "		97 76
" " " J. Sanders, " "		127 20
" " " R. M. Crowson, " "		30 60
" due-bill of W. R. Gober, " "		143 73
" Note of R. Spencer, " "		102 40
" Amount of balance due on note of B. A. Houghton, with interest, - - - -		1,035 5
" Note of J. H. Guerding, with interest, -		853 34
" " of C. J. Hallburg, " - - -		115 34
" " of R. A. Stewart, - - - -		349 44
" Cash on hand, - - - - - -		218 54
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COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATIONS AND COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1859.

English Literature.

Committee—A. E. Goodwyn, B. F. Alexander.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.—English Grammar (Butler's), Caldwell's Manual of Elocution—Essay.

STUDIES—CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.—Grammar and Elocution continued. Whelpley's Compend of History.

STUDIES—CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.—Whateley's Rhetoric—a Sermon.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.—Whateley's Logic—a Sermon.

Biblical Literature.

Committee—R. J. Harp, Reynolds Trippett.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.—Bible History and Biography (Bible).

STUDIES—CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.—Mitchell's Ancient Geography.

STUDIES—CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.—Chronology (Horne's Introduction).

STUDIES—CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.—Manners and Customs of the Jews (Horn's Introduction).

Doctrinal and Controversial Theology.

Committee—Linus Parker, S. B. Suratt.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.—First Vol. of Wesley's Sermons (old edition of 2 vols.), Fletcher's Appeal, Watson's Conversations.

STUDIES—CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.—Second Vol. of Wesley's Sermons (old edition of 2 vols.), Watson's Apology, Sacraments (fourth part of Watson's Institutes).

STUDIES—CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.—Fletcher's Christian Perfection, first and second parts of Watson's Institutes.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.—Third part of Watson's Institutes, Edgar's Variations of Popery, Power on Universalism.

Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

Committee—S. J. Davies, J. B. Walker.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.—Discipline, Clark's Manual.

STUDIES—CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.—Baker on Discipline, Watson's Life of Wesley.

STUDIES—CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.—Mosheim's Church History.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.—Powell on Succession; Whateley on Episcopacy.

Resolved, That the Committees of examination, and classes to be examined, be requested to be at the seat of Conference at 9 o'clock on Monday morning preceding the meeting of Conference.

Resolved, That in case of the absence of any member of the examining Committee, the remaining members shall be responsible to the Conference for the examination of the several classes.

Committee to examine candidates for Admission, on Trial, into Annual Conference:

John C. Keener, Lewis A. Reed.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.—Linus Parker, S. J. Davies, J. A. Ivy.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.—S. B. Suratt, R. R. R. Alexander, B. F. Alexander.

HOMER COLLEGE.—R. Randle, T. J. Lacey, S. S. Scott.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

THE GENERAL RULE ON SLAVERY.

The Resolution of the last General Conference expunging the rule of Discipline which prohibits "the buying and selling of men, women and children, with an intention to enslave them," was concurred in by a vote of 52 for concurrence and none against it.

SOUTH-WESTERN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION AND AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, Many of our people have been induced to aid the South-Western Sunday School Union, at New Orleans, under the misapprehension that our Church has some interest in or connection with said concern, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That neither the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, nor the Louisiana Conference, has any connection with or interest in the South-Western Sunday School Union.

Resolved, 2. That we disapprove of the introduction of its Agents into our pulpits, in their capacity as such.

Resolved, 3. That these resolutions apply also to the American Tract Society and its Agents.

EDITORS OF THE ADVOCATE.

Resolved, That while we reluctantly part with the Rev. H. N. McTyeire as former Editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, we heartily welcome Rev. C. C. Gillespie as his successor in the Editorial Chair.

WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND BISHOPS' PER CENTUM.

Resolved, That we will hereafter provide for our *pro rata* of the Bishops' support in the same way that we have heretofore provided for the Widows and Orphans; that the word Bishops be inserted in the Title of that per centum, so as to read Widows', Orphans' and Bishops' per centum, and that the Committee on Ministerial Support be hereby instructed to include the per centum necessary therefor, in the per centum as annually declared.

Resolved, That the Conference declare the Widows', Orphans' and Bishops' per centum to be 4 per cent. upon the total receipts of the Preachers for the year 1859.

BEQUEST OF THE REV. SIMPSON SHEPHERD.

Resolved, That the Bequest of the late Rev. Simpson Shepherd, of one hundred dollars, be expended in accordance with the wish of the donor, in the dissemination of the Scriptures in China.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Rev. Henry Avery was appointed to preach the next Conference Sermon.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER.

Resolved, That the *Third* Friday in May be and is hereby set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for the Revival of Religion within the bounds of the Conference.

THANKS.

It was resolved by a rising vote to tender our thanks to the Citizens of New Orleans for the liberal and kind manner in which they have received and entertained the Conference during its session in their City.

Q. 24. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
A. Franklin, Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana.

Q. 25. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?
A.—

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT AND COLORED CHARGES.—

Linus Parker, P. E.

Carondelet street, Joseph B. Walker.

Felicity street, John C. Keener.

Moreau street, Robt J. Harp.

First German Mission, *Frederick W. Traeger.*

Second German Mission, John Pauly.

Third and Fourth German Missions, August Arnold.

Algiers and Gretna, John P. Richardson.

Jefferson City, *Jeptha Landrum.*

Carrollton and Editor of New Orleans *Christian Advocate*, Clayton C. Gillespie.

Laurel street, to be supplied.

Baton Rouge, Henry Avery.

H. N. McTyeire, Editor of Nashville *Christian Advocate* and member of Felicity street Quarterly Conference. A. G. Miller appointed to Centenary College and member of Baton Rouge Quarterly Conference.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.—Anderson B. Fly, P. E.

Opelousas, B. F. White, Wm. McBeath.

Opelousas Mission, to be supplied.

St. Landry Mission, to be supplied.

Washington, to be supplied.

Evergreen, Daniel S. Watkins.

Evergreen Mission, to be supplied.

Bayou Bœuf Mission, Elijah W. Griswold,

Calcasieu, *W. D. Stayton.*

Grand Chane Mission, Joel Saunders, Supernumerary.

New Iberia, Thos. B. White.

Franklin, S. J. Davies.

Teche Mission, *J. T. Fontaine.*

Pattersonville, John A. Miller.

Grand Lake French Mission, to be supplied.

Thibodaux, Rob. A. New.

Lafourche and Bayou Black Circuit and Mission, N. A. Cravens.

Plaquemine and Grosse Tete, *Jesse Fulton, F. T. Rawson.*

Atchafalaya, John F. Wynn.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.—John Pipes.

Shreveport, R. R. R. Alexander.
Caddo, S. J. Hawkins, J. L. Chapman.
Grand Cane, J. F. Scurlock.
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, S. B. Suratt.
Pleasant Hill Mission, *C. W. Coursey.*
Natchitoches, O. P. Westmorland.
Anno Coco, C. C. McCrary.
Red River, John C. Reid.
Lake Bisteneau, Robt. Parvin.
Mansfield Female College, H. C. Thweatt, and member of Mansfield Quarterly Conference.
B. F. Alexander, Agent for Pierce and Paine College and member of Mansfield Quarterly Conference.
Caushatti Mission, W. A. Smyth, Supernumerary.

HOMER DISTRICT.—Richmond Randle, P. E.

Homer, Thos. J. Lacey.
Minden, Philo M. Goodwyn.
Farmerville, *D. P. Cullen.*
Ouachita, to be supplied.
Vernon, *C. W. Hodge.*
Dugdamona, *S. J. Graves,* Supernumerary.
Winnfield Mission, to be supplied.
Saline Mission, to be supplied.
Sparta, R. M. Crowson.
North Bossier, S. S. Scott.

MUNROE DISTRICT.—J. A. Ivy, P. E.

Munroe, A. W. Smith.
Bastrop, J. L. Wright.
Bastrop Colored Mission, to be supplied.
Bonidea, Sam. Haws.
Ion, Moses Davis.
Carroll, W. G. McGaughey.
Deerfield, T. J. Upton.
Columbia, J. H. Boult, B. C. Stegall, Supernumerary.
Harrisonburg, to be supplied.

Alexandria, URIAH RILEY.
North Rapides, Robt. T. Parish.
North Rapides Mission, URIAH WHATLEY.

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.—L. A. REED, P. E.
Providence, J. W. JOHNSON.
Pecan Grove and Swan Lake, *Whitmel P. Kimball.*
Carroll Mission, to be supplied.
Richmond and Madison Mission, ALEX. E. GOODWYN.
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel, REYNOLDS TRIPPETT.
Jordan Chapel and St. Joseph Mission, JOHN C. PITTS.
Water Proof, J. D. ADAMS.
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel, Henry B. Frazee.
Trinity, CHAS. J. HALLBURG.
Winnsboro', T. H. McCLENDON, P. H. DIEFFENWERTH, Supernumerary.
E. D. PITTS, transferred to Alabama Conference and appointed to Auburn Female College.

SUPERANNUATES.—THOS. SAMFORD, DAVID KINNEAR, D. M. K. COLLINS.

NOTE.—Those in Small Capitals are Elders, those in Italics are Deacons, and those in Roman letters are not Ordained.

CIRCULAR OF MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

MANSFIELD, LA., September 21, 1858.—This popular and flourishing Institution, for the education of Young Ladies, having been placed by a recent act of the Board of Trustees, under the entire control and management of the former President, REV. H. C. THWEATT, D. D., will be opened for the reception of young ladies, on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1858.

The President will be assisted by the following teachers and officers, who have already been appointed by him and confirmed by the Board of Trustees:

G. E. THATCHER, A. M., Professor of Physical Science and Mathematics.

Miss ISMARIE BRIGNON, Teacher of Modern Languages.

Mrs. AURILLA G. THATCHER, M. E. L., Instructress in Ornamental Departments.

Mrs. VIRGINIA E. CALLOWAY, M. E. L., Instructress in Vocal and Instrumental Music.

A. H. THOMAS, Steward and Bursar.

Mrs. EMMA A. E. THOMAS, Stewardess.

Other Teachers will soon be added.

Professor Thatcher and Lady will reside in the new West College Building, and will give especial attention to the deportment, habits, studies, rooms, wardrobes, shopping, evening walks, recreations, etc., of the young ladies who board in the Institution. These officers are aids to the President, who will reside on the College grounds, and who will exercise a general supervision over every department of the College, and who is mainly and personally responsible for the proper direction and control of the Institution.

As the number of pupils increase and the interest of the Institution demand, additions of the ablest and most efficient teachers, will be made to the present corps—*this may be relied on most confidentially.* The Board of Trustees feel fully satisfied that the young ladies placed in this Institution, will receive all necessary attention and care, in regard to their real interest and happiness.

For particulars, as to classification of studies, charges, rules, regulations, uniform, etc., reference may be had to the Catalogue for the scholastic year 1857–58.

The Board of Trustees earnestly recommend to parents and guardians, living at a distance, that they board their daughters and wards in the College Building, where they will be under the constant and immediate supervision of their teachers, otherwise, the President cannot be so justly and strictly responsible for their general improvement, as of those more fully under his control.

Dr. H. C. Thweatt, and the other members of the faculty, enter upon this arrangement with a deep sense of its heavy responsibility, yet with the determination that all their energies and labors shall be directed to the advancement, mentally and morally, of the young ladies committed to their charge; so to impress their minds by the instruction imparted, as to prepare them fully for all the various duties of after life.

A. M. CAMPBELL, President Board Trustees.

J. L. Scales, Secretary.

STATE FEMALE COLLEGE, MEMPHIS, TENN.

This Institution is located about *two miles* South-east of the City of Memphis, and possesses all the advantages of a *rural district*.

THE HEALTHFULNESS of the location, the refined and Christian character of the citizens—removed from every annoyance of a *mixed and irresponsible* population, possessing all that is *desirable* in connection with a city, and at the same time all that is *agreeable* in relation to *the country*—having every facility of communication afforded by steamboats and railroads; the College is regarded as having the most desirable location in the Southern States.

THE BUILDINGS are large and commodious, and when the plan shall have been fully carried out will doubtless for size, comfort and practicability, surpass any Female College in the South. It is designed, in every thing that is valuable and praise-worthy, to make the Institution second to no institution North or South.

THE FACULTY of the College has been selected with great care; none but the most approved Professors and Teachers have been, or will be employed in the Institution. The design of the Institution is to make scholars and not money, to impart a thorough knowledge of the entire course of study, together with those refinements of heart and manners which constitute a true lady. Every department of Science and Art, suited to a Female College, is fully represented.

CHARGES PER SESSION OF FIVE MONTHS.

TUITION—Collegiate Department	$25 00
" Academic "	20 00
" Primary "	15 00
LESSONS—On the Harp	30 00
Use of Instrument	5 00
LESSONS—On the Piano	25 00
Use of Instrnment	5 00
LESSONS—On the Guitar	25 00
Use of Instrument	5 00
TUITION—Modern Languages, each	15 00
" Ancient Languages	Free.
LESSONS—Painting in Oil Colors	25 00
" " Water Colors	15 00
" Sketching of various kinds	10 00
" Modeling in Wax, or Clay	15 00
" In Fruit or Flowers	15 00
" In Ornamental Needle-Work	15 00

Boarding—Including Room Rent, Fuel and Lights, per Month..	12 50
Washing, per dozen.....	60
Contingent Expenses.....	2 00

The Fall Session opens the first of October.

The Spring Session commences the middle of February. One week's vacation will be given during the Christmas holidays, with this exception, there will be no regular vacation until the close of the scholastic year.

The Religious Character of the College is highly conservative. The regular Pastors of the various Churches in the City are cordially invited to preach in the College Chapel, where regular service is held every Sabbath for the benefit of the Faculty and Students.

Students are Received at any time during the Session, and charged only from the time of entrance; nevertheless, it is greatly preferable that Students commence at the opening of the Session.

Students who may desire to spend their vacations at the College will have the opportunity of doing so: The same advantages will also be afforded to parents who may desire to spend the Summer with their daughters, free from the danger of epidemics.

References: Bishop Robert Paine, D. D., Aberdeen, Miss.; Bishop Joshua Soule, D. D., Franklin, Tenn.; Gov. Isham G. Harris, Nashville Tenn.; Gov. Wm. McWillie, Jackson, Miss.; Hon. Edward McGehee, Woodville, Miss.; Rev. C. K. Marshall, D. D., Vicksburg, Miss.; Rev. J. C. Miller, A. M., President of Centenary College, La.; Rev. C. C. Gillespie, New Orleans; Rev. Robt. J. Harp, New Orleans, La.;

N. B.—Persons desiring more extended information in relation to the College can address Rev. S. G. Starks, A. M., President of the College, at Memphis, Tenn.

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December 27, 1858.